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The Signs Of Fall Are All Around...



FALL IS HERE AND AT RICHARD STEPANIK'S FARM STAND on Shoemaker Lane in Feeding Hills, employee Darlene Ahearn holds her son, Christopher, who was fascinated with the painted pumpkins. SEE RELATED PHOTO IN SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Inquiry Into Bus Safety Results In Good News

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

When School Committee Transportation Chairwoman Susan Pettazzoni heard reports from other school districts concerning recalls of buses equipped with possibly defective electronic control modules, she asked Deputy Superintendent of Schools Donald Charest for reports on buses used to transport Agawam students.

Charest obtained an update from School Services and Leasing of Massachusetts, Inc., the bus company for the Agawam schools, addressing concerns about the safety of the buses used to transport students of Agawam. Because the buses which are servicing the Agawam contract were built between 1994 and 1995 and have a hydraulic braking system without anti-lock brake systems, they are not affected by the recall and are therefore safe.

Because of a Bendix Brake recall of buses manufactured between March 1998 and July 2000 (equipped with Bendix anti-lock brakes having a possibly defective electronic control module [ECM]), the recall concerns some buses built during that time-

frame.

The National Express Corporation issued a customer alert regarding some of the buses with Bendix anti-lock brakes which had a defective electronic control module (ECM). This affected some buses with an international chassis and some with Thomas Built MVP Transits, which applied to approximately 10 to 15 percent of National Express Corporation's yellow bus fleet.

The customer alert, issued by Gregg Peterson, vice-president of Fleet and Facilities Services to all school districts served by National Express Corporation's Student Transportation Division, continued, "...we have found NO problems with any bus that serves your students..."

"We have put into place an extremely stringent program that relies on both our maintenance technicians and our drivers who are trained to recognize any abnormalities before they become problems. Under no circumstances would we ever put any vehicle on

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After Much Debate...

Bus Company Can Expand Fuel Tanks

by Hope E. Murray
Municipal Writer

Town Council voted to grant a request for Five Star Transportation on Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, to expand its fuel tanks to hold 2,000 gallons after much unanticipated debate.

Theresa Lecrenski, owner of Five Star, currently has a 500 gallon tank which is filled up to five times per day.

"My business is growing and expanding and I can't operate efficiently with a 500 gallon tank," Mrs. Lecrenski said. Her fleet of buses and vans use nearly 2,000 gallons of fuel each day. School buses have 100 gallon tanks and tour buses have 200 gallon tanks, Mrs. Lecrenski added.

The request seemed cut and dry but Councilor Gina Letellier brought forth several points mentioned to her by residents abutting the Five Star property at 384 Shoemaker Lane that prompted some debate. Some residents, she said, complained that Five Star's

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Council To Hear Call For Historical Museum Grant

by Hope E. Murray
Municipal Writer

The Agawam Historical Society and Mayor Richard A. Cohen presented a resolution for Town Council approval to apply for a \$36,000 tourism grant.

The Massachusetts Turnpike Authority 2000 Tourist Grant is available to towns adjacent to the turnpike, and to towns adjacent to those towns.

The grant would be used to assist the Agawam Historical Society in continuing its renovations of the old fire house on Elm Street to be the Agawam Historical and Firehouse Museum.

"I thought it would be a good venture to use the money for the fire museum and attract visitors to the historic area of Agawam," Cohen said.

The museum was projected to open at the beginning of the summer, but setbacks in renovations caused the Society to change its opening goal to Memorial Day 2001.

"This [grant] would allow us to finish the project and bring [the firehouse] back to life," Cohen said, adding,

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tanks are filled often after 11:30 p.m. by oil trucks.

"I would like to add a stipulation to the request that the tanks are filled between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.," Ms. Letellier said.

Mrs. Lecrenski said she could not make that guarantee.

"I will try to have them come during regular business hours, but I'm at their mercy," she said. "But I will speak to my supplier and do whatever I can."

Ms. Letellier also said some residents have complained that Mrs. Lecrenski houses a fleet of more than 40 vehicles while her license allows only for 40.

Mrs. Lecrenski said that matter was not the issue at hand and she has discussed the situation with the licensing board.

"We're not here to discuss that right now," Mrs. Lecrenski said. "I've been to the Building Department and the Fire Department and I have their full approval."

According to Agawam Building Inspector Dominic Urbinati, Five Star was inspected more than a month ago and was found to be in violation of a parking regulation stating that no vehicles should be parked either in front of or on the side of the property. The company has not been reinspected, according to him.

However, the Planning Board is expected to receive a site plan from Five Star, according to Planning and Community Development Director Deborah Dachos.

"Mrs. Lecrenski and her husband came in and told me they bought the property next to Five Star," she said. The Planning Board must have the Lecrenski's plans this week in order to put it on the agenda for its next meeting in two weeks.

Mrs. Lecrenski did not return repeated attempts from The Agawam Advertiser News to discuss the matter.



AGAWAM SCHOOL BUSES are "up to snuff," according to Agawam School Department officials. From left: bus driver Leonard Brown, School Committee Transportation Chairwoman Susan Pettazzoni, Deputy Superintendent of Schools Donald Charest, and Superintendent of Schools Frank Ameruso. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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the road that was questionable - our commitment to your students' safety is our number one priority."

Charest and Mrs. Pettazzoni presented *The AAN* with a copy of the customer alert, as well as a letter from School Services and Leasing of Massachusetts. The letter offered assurance of safety because two inspections in August 2000 conducted by the State Police showed no defects.

Both of these inspections required brake inspection.

The buses used to transport students to schools in Agawam will not be affected by the Bendix brake recall and have been thoroughly inspected and found to be safe in every aspect, Charest told us.

Mrs. Pettazzoni said, "As Transportation Chairwoman, I felt it was my responsibility to look into the safety issue. I'm pleased with the efficiency with which Mr. Charest was able to obtain these responses, and I'm relieved to know that our buses are being monitored and continually maintained for complete safety for our students."

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Letters To The Editor

Our Town Needs To Do Something About Traffic

To The Editor:

This is in regards to the letter Catherine Edelman wrote about the traffic on Main Street in Agawam.

On Sunday, September 17th, I was on Main Street and saw (to my sadness) that the Pond Restaurant is for sale. What a shame. I enjoyed eating there - it was very clean, friendly, and home-like.

Both Main Street and River Road had lines of traffic backed up. At the Route 57 rotary, there was a police officer directing traffic.

Our city is such a mess with the traffic that they have policemen stationed along Main Street and the Route 57 rotary. However, there were no policemen on River Road directing traffic and enforcing the speed limit. WHY?

Our business and homes are being invaded with all the traffic. We need to do something NOW.

Mona Murphy
Feeding Hills

Why Were Buses Running Late At Granger?

To The Editor:

Bussed students in the afternoon kindergarten session at the Clifford Granger School have been arriving at school as late as 30 minutes after school begins.

This amounts to the equivalent of one school day missed per week.

As my son is among those who ride the bus, I called the school in complaint. I was asked to call the office of Deputy Superintendent Don Charest. This office told me "that nothing was going to be done to fix the problem."

I then took my complaint to my neighbor, Councilor Joe Mineo, who took immediate action and contacted Superintendent Frank Ameruso. Councilor Mineo was also told that no action would be taken. Both Councilor Mineo and I were unsatisfied with the Superintendent's disregard for our concern and cavalier attitude.

The Superintendent and his Deputy are the two highest-paid employees in Agawam, and it is their job to make sure that our children receive the best education possible.

In the Agawam Public Schools' Parent Handbook message from the Superintendent, Mr. Ameruso claims that the district's "primary responsibility is to provide the best environment and educational instruction within our power," and Mr. Ameruso then promises to serve (us) and or children within the best of his ability; yet, he refused to do that.

I would submit to Mr. Ameruso that telling parents

and a councilman that "no action would be taken" to get kindergarten children to school on time is unacceptable, neglectful, and lax.

Despite the response of Mr. Ameruso, however, Councilor Mineo persevered and contacted Councilor George Bitzas and School Committee member Rosemary Sandlin, and gratefully, these officials acknowledged the problem and took action.

I was pleased to receive a phone call from Councilor Mineo this afternoon informing me that, for the first time in two weeks, the children arrived at school on time. Both Councilors Mineo and Bitzas were waiting at the Granger School on Monday for the arrival of the bus, and Principal Phyllis Lewis rode with the students to ensure that another tardy arrival did not occur.

I would like to thank these people for taking immediate action and undertaking to change an intolerable situation. I would urge other parents to show their appreciation as well. It was satisfying to know that the Superintendent's final word - wasn't.

Paige E. Bridgham
Feeding Hills

Six Flags Traffic Snafu Is Getting Unbearable

To The Editor:

Once again, the residents of Main Street and River Road took the brunt of Six Flags marketing efforts this weekend.

As I came around the rotary Sunday afternoon, I saw the four-foot by eight-foot sign at the end of River Road that read "Six Flags Parking," with an arrow pointing down River Road.

Along with that stunt, they managed to gridlock the area roads by scheduling a major outing on the first weekend of the Big E.

I have brought this up time and time again - that if traffic is to be directed down River Road, then steps need to be taken to control the traffic. Six Flags put up a sign, but nothing was done to deal with the traffic flow down River Road. No police, no anything.

So far, traffic volume hasn't been a problem on River Road, but speeding is. As I type this letter, I see the cars leaving Six Flags and traveling up River Road. Now, I don't own a radar gun, but these cars are traveling well in excess of the speed limit of 40 miles per hour.

It's like this all the time. The cars taking the corner under the South End Bridge come flying through well above the 25 mile per hour speed limit.

I've been given tickets on two occasions on my way to work for going less than 10 miles an hour over the speed limit early in the morning when nobody else is on the road, but these cars are allowed to fly up and down River Road all day long when kids are all over the place. I guess a radar trap would slow down traffic, and we can't have that, can we?

Well, I think it's time that the residents of the River Road area take steps to remedy this situation. I suggest that everyone that lives on or near River Road try a little technique I've been using for a couple of weeks now.

Anytime you are traveling on River Road, drive

exactly at the posted speed limit; not a single mile per hour more. After all, the signs are telling us that this is the LIMIT of how fast we should be going, so it seems like the law-abiding thing to do.

This will frustrate any motorist that is taking River Road as a high-speed short cut to Six Flags. After following someone traveling exactly at the speed limit down River Road, most people won't be in any hurry to take that route again. I've even made it a point of taking a couple of passes up and down River Road on weekends for just this reason.

It's unfortunate that we have to even discuss things like this, but how many times have myself and others complained about River Road and Main Street traffic only to be ignored or given the same old promise that things will improve? By the time improvements are made to Main Street, they will already be outdated.

What happens next spring when the Route 57 bridge is rebuilt? What will happen when the South End Bridge shuts down? Has Six Flags put up the "91 South" signs that the traffic committee all but ordered them to erect over a month ago?

Our intelligence has been repeatedly insulted with vague and generic answers from both Six Flags and some of our elected officials.

Unfortunately, I don't have any suggestions to help the folks on Main Street. The only thing that will help them is for Six Flags to curb their attendance until a realistic traffic solution is found, and we all know that won't happen.

Just this weekend, Six Flags had a function for the employees of Fleet Bank. Guess how many extra people this little picnic brought through our town on the first weekend of the Big E? Try 17,000 people, in addition to the regular attendance. No wonder Main Street was gridlocked once again. Traffic was backed up on Route 91 all the way to the Chicopee curve.

How irresponsible was it for Six Flags to schedule this event on the first weekend of the Big E? Any weekend but these three, and it wouldn't have been a problem. It's as if they do these things on purpose.

I've been told that Six Flags pays huge amounts of taxes in Agawam and that it more than makes up for the "inconvenience." It's great that we have all of this extra tax revenue, but I don't seem to remember having a budget crisis prior to Six Flags' arrival.

What I want to know is when will my property value be reassessed to reflect how much my property value has dropped. If all of the homes on River Road and Main Street (which, up until recently, were some of the most valued real estate in Agawam) were

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Happy 16th, Kelly

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Liz, Grams & Annabelle



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reassessed and taxed on their new lower value, it would probably cancel out what we get from Six Flags.

We, the residents of Agawam, are being sold-out. All the promises in the world won't help the homeowners whose properties aren't worth squat because of Six Flags.

I'm not ready to put a "For Sale" sign on my front lawn just yet. I'm going to fight to save our neighborhoods, our property values, and our way of life. Anyone that wants to contact me can do so via e-mail at SaveAgawam@aol.com.

If enough of us complain, then the town politicians will have to take some action. If they don't, then we can vote them out of office and elect someone that will stand up for the residents of Agawam.

Todd Peetros
Agawam

Reception Fundraiser To Benefit Sister City Comm.

To The Editor:

Dear Friends:

"Six Days of Reggio" is only three weeks away. It should be a very exciting time for the delegation from our sister city, Reggio, Calabria, and for the people of

Agawam.

The Sister City Commission has encountered a few significant bumps in the road financially, so we are asking you to support our efforts by attending a Cocktail Reception Fundraiser at The Oaks on September 28th at 7:30 p.m.

We need all the help we can get in order to insure a successful "Six Days of Reggio," October 4th -9th.

With heartfelt thanks,
Bill Euliano, Chairman

Rotary Thanks Businesses For Supporting Series

To The Editor:

As the 2000 Summer Entertainment Series comes to a close, I would like to express thanks to EB's Chicken Restaurant, Agawam Chamber of Commerce, Agawam Lions Club, Agawam Polish Club, Berkshire Power Company, Canary Blomstrom Insurance Company, Dr. Buddy Dennison, Westbank, Woronoco Savings Bank, Westfield Savings Bank, and United Industrial Service Company for so generously sponsoring a concert or movie.

Thank you also to the 76 members of the Agawam Business Community for your sponsorship of the program guide.

The series was a huge success, and the atten-

dance was up from last year.

Many people from Agawam had the benefit of first-rate concerts every Wednesday in July and August, as well as two "drive-in" movie nights (all at no charge).

The weather held out for all but two events, which was miraculous considering that July was the wettest July on record.

I would also like to thank all of the hard-working members of the Agawam Rotary Club who participated in one way or another in the endeavor. I would especially like to thank Michael Grandfield, past President of the Agawam Rotary Club and the President of the Agawam Cultural Council, who dared to dream and to bring this series to another level.

In addition, thanks to Kelly Grandfield for her unwavering support of Michael, David DeLancey for his efforts in coordinating the concession stand, and President Elect Jack Walsh for his photographs and maintenance of our website, <http://community.masslive.com/cc/agawamrotary>.

Finally, thank you to the Agawam Cultural Council for your partnership with the Agawam Rotary Club and your support with this tremendous undertaking.

We have not only entertained, but we have created a true sense of community in the Town of Agawam.

Linda Northup Vitro
President, Agawam Rotary Club

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, located at 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH at 6:45 P.M., to review a complaint against Responsive Trucking, Case #1598, dated August 11, 1999.

Doreen Prouty
Acting Chairperson

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AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, September 28, 2000 at 7:00 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Agawam Development Associates for property on Gold Street.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
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BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2000 at 7:00 PM, for all parties interested in the appeal of Fontaine Properties which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-88 of the Zoning Ordinance, which would allow for the construction of a sign at the premises identified as: 42 River Road.

Doreen Prouty, Acting Chairperson
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- Agawam Obituaries -

EARL D. DAIGNEAU

Earl D. "Popi" Daigneau, 76, of 57 Pheasant Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, died recently in a local nursing home. He was a lifelong resident of Agawam and Feeding Hills.

He was a retired salesman for Carroll Cars in Springfield, and had previously worked for the former Montgomery Ward in Agawam, was a manager at the former J.M. Fields in Chicopee, and worked at the Strathmore Paper Company in West Springfield and Woolen Mills in Webster, MA.

He served as a water tender third class in World War II aboard the USS Laffey, and was a long-time member of the USS Laffey Association DD724. He did extensive volunteer work, for which he received certificates of recognition at Crescent Hill Nursing Home in Springfield and Country Estates Nursing Home in Agawam.

He did volunteer work as a storyteller at his great-grandson's classes at Granger School, and had been a long-time member of the Community Grange in Southwick (where he volunteered as a bingo caller).

He was an active member and volunteer at Pheasant Hill Village, and the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in West Springfield.

His wife of 54 years, the former Viola K. Marcinczyk, died in 1999.

He leaves two sons, Francis J. of Springfield and Robert E. of Crown Point, Indiana; a daughter, Alexandra L. Bates of Webster; two brothers, Arthur of Agawam and Paul of Ocala, Florida; two sisters, Priscilla Violette of Agawam and Marie McDonnell of West Springfield; five grandchildren, including Sherry Daigneau (whom he raised); and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the Agawam Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

GERALD DEVOE

Gerald DeVoe, 45, of 695 Mill Street, Feeding Hills,

died recently at Baystate Medical Center.

He was a mechanic for two years at Milton Bradley in East Longmeadow, a finisher at Olympic Fasteners for six years, and also a wire drawer at Montgomery Wire in Windsor Locks, CT, for 10 years.

Born in Hartford, CT, he lived in Enfield, CT, for 29 years before moving to the Agawam area 16 years ago. He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

He leaves his wife, the former Lorie A. Turcotte; two sons, James G. and Tyler M.; and a daughter, Brittany R., all at home; and three brothers, Douglas Guay of Windsor, CT, and Donald Guay and Gary DeVoe, both of Newington, CT.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, Feeding Hills.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

DANIEL J. GAGNE

Daniel J. Gagne, 55, of 25 Federal Avenue, Agawam, died recently in St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford, CT.

He was a city mechanic at Bondi's Island Waste Treatment Plant for 22 years. Born in Springfield, he lived there for 34 years and moved to Agawam 21 years ago.

He graduated from the High School of Commerce in 1963 and was president of the Springfield Association of the Commission Employees Union.

He was a member of Agawam Congregational Church and an Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

He leaves his wife, the former Linda Serra; two daughters, Jill G. Decker of Somers, CT, and Dena Gagne of Brighton; a brother, Sigmond Mallard of Springfield; and a sister, Ruth Mezzetti of East Windsor, CT.

A memorial service was held at Agawam

Congregational Church, with a private burial in Agawam Center Cemetery at the convenience of the family. Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Easter Seals of Massachusetts, 1111 Elm Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

RAY F. PLEVA

Ray F. Pleva, 76, of 31 Gunn Geary Lane, Agawam, who served three presidents, died recently in Vermont.

He was a 27-year master sergeant in the Air Force. He served with the 99th Presidential Support Squadron with Air Force One and Two under Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon.

He was an Air Force veteran of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Air Force Association of Retired Persons.

After retiring from the Air Force, he was an equipment supply clerk at the bulk mail center of the U.S. Postal Service in Indian Orchard for 20 years and retired in 1989. Born in Minersville, Pennsylvania, he lived in Oxenhill, Maryland, for 13 years and in Agawam for the past 32 years.

He leaves his wife, the former Shirley M. Hout; three sons, Raymond F. Jr. of Feeding Hills and Mark A. and Dana J., both of Agawam; two daughters, Robin M. Gagne of Agawam and Sandee K. Blackburn of Russell; a brother, Thomas of Minersville; a sister, Genevieve Kadingo, also of Minersville; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home in Agawam and Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Russell, with burial in Russell Town Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jimmy Fund, 1 Harvard Street, Brookline, MA 02146-9795.

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"There are a lot of people who travel to see fire museums."

Applying does not guarantee that the town will be awarded the grant," Cohen said.

"It's very competitive," added Richard Bellico of the Historical Society.

He said that with or without the grant, the museum should open next May. However, the grant would make the process quicker and allow for some "extras" the Society could not otherwise be afford.

"It would greatly increase the speed of completion and let us do some things that don't necessarily need to be done for the opening, but would be nice," said Bellico. "We would like to have every 'T' crossed and every 'I' dotted. This grant will help us do that."

The "extras" include hard topping the driveway and have the kitchen up to code.

The latter will be no easy task. The appliances in the kitchen are all period pieces from the 1920s, including a stove that was used in the movie "Cider House Rules." Former Agawam Fire Chief Russ Jenks and Bellico acquired the stove through Pioneer Valley Auctioneers. Jenks' car, a 1930 Woody, is part of a major hobby of his, antique cars.

"Russ also has a restored fire truck from the 20s that will occasionally be on display in the museum," Bellico said, adding that the town's own antique fire truck will also be displayed.

Once open, the museum will be staffed by volunteers. Bellico said volunteers are what have restored the museum, which is located behind the Agawam First Baptist Church on Main and Elm Streets in Agawam Center.

"All the work has been done in-kind," he said.

The society hopes they will be notified by December whether or not the town will receive the grant. A number of exhibits are already planned, including one on the USS Agawam, a World War II vessel in the Pacific Theatre.

Plaques honoring major contributors to the museum will be hung and Bellico said he would like to see the museum incorporated into Agawam school curriculum.

"We have a rich history and a lot of people don't realize that," said Bellico. "This is the whole purpose of the museum."

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Superintendent Of Schools' Report

by
Dr. Frank Ameruso
Agawam Public Schools



SUPERINTENDENT'S GOALS/ OBJECTIVES (1999-2000) (Part 2 Of 2)

D. PUBLIC RELATIONS

I. Superintendent's Goal:

To project a positive school district image and to communicate school district initiatives to the school community. *(I believe I have been very successful in accomplishing this goal this year and will continue to do so.)*

II. Objectives:

1. To use the public media as an advantage to promote a positive school district image. *(We have received very positive press this year, in spite of some of the difficulties we experienced.)*

2. To initiate a monthly TV program wherein the Superintendent will host a variety of guests to discuss school district programs, activities and issues. The program will be called the *Superintendent's TV Corner* and will be aired weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on public access TV (Channel 15). *(This has been accomplished with a great deal of satisfaction. The tapes are available for your viewing. I have received very positive feedback from this effort.)*

3. To develop a "brochure" profiling the Agawam Public Schools for distribution to the Chamber of Commerce, real estate agencies and the general public. *(This brochure is currently in development and is about 75% complete. It will be ready for print sometime in the fall of 2000.)*

4. To develop an Internet Website that features all the dimensions of our operational school district. *(This project has been accomplished this year and will continue to be an ongoing process. The*

URL is: www.agawampublicschools.org

5. To participate in school/community events as much as reasonably possible. *(I have made a concerted effort to participate as much as possible. I believe I succeeded in doing so.)*

6. To speak to school and civic groups whenever possible. *(I have taken advantage of every opportunity to speak in public and I believe I was well-received in doing so.)*

7. To meet with School Councils and PTO's. *(I have done much better than last year, but I could do more and will.)*

E. SUPERINTENDENT/SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

I. Superintendent's Goal:

To establish mechanisms to ensure effective communication with the Agawam School Committee. *(I truly believe this is one area where I have made substantial improvement over last year.)*

II. Objectives:

1. To develop a variety of means of communication: Email, memos, phone calls, weekly mailings that allow a flow of information to the School Committee. *(I have used all of these means to accomplish improved communication.)*

2. Develop occasional written reports on specific operations areas, e.g., Instructional Support Teams, classroom visitation observations, facilities inspections, etc. *(I have been able to do some of these, but not as many as I would like. There is a limitation of time that does not permit some of this activity. Nevertheless, I will try to expand these reports in the future.)*

3. Semi-annual update of Superintendent's Goals/Objectives (February/June) *(My February target was not possible due to circumstances this year. This final report completes the update I provided in April.)*

4. Annual "State of the Schools Report." (This will be delivered in February and will include the Superintendent's Goals/Objectives.) *(I have not made a State of the Schools Report this year. Once again, time and circumstance were factors. I do intend to reinstitute the practice next year.)*

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NEW EAGLE SCOUT CHRISTOPHER HOLL receives his Eagle Scout Certificate from his father, Herb Holl, as his mother, Teresa, and Brian Landry, master of ceremonies, look on. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Christopher J. Holl Of Feeding Hills Becomes Eagle Scout

Christopher J. Holl of Feeding Hills was honored at his Boy Scout Eagle Court of Honor held at Chez Josef on August 18th.

Christopher is a member of Boy Scout Troup 78 of the Springfield Turnverein in Agawam.

He has been working on completing all the requirements needed to attain Eagle Rank since he became a member of the Troup in February 1996.

The culmination of his requirements for Eagle Scout was a community project. Christopher chose to relandscape the Lisa Ziegert Memorial courtyard at the Agawam Middle School. He also had to complete a total of 21 merit badges.

In attendance at the banquet were 134 guests. Among them were Agawam Mayor Richard Cohen, Father Ron Sadlowski of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, Mr. & Mrs. George Ziegert of Agawam (parents of Lisa Zeigert), representatives of Troop 78 of the Springfield Turnverein of Agawam, past Scoutmaster Ken Connor, past Scoutmaster Ray LaBorde Jr., present Scoutmaster Bob Crawford, many teachers, coaches, friends, family members, scout leaders, and scouts.

The setting for the ceremony included a display of items from many of the events and activities Christopher was involved in, starting with Tiger Cubs in 1991 through today.

The stage was set with an enlarged lighted Eagle Scout Badge, along with pictures of each of the Boy Scout Badges displayed on steps showing the order of rank to the Eagle Badge. A candle was lit next to each badge and remained lit throughout the ceremony. Also, a memorial was set up on one end of the stage. The memorial was a burning candle and pictures of Christopher's grandfather, Louie Brueno. His grandfather was the last Eagle Scout in the family, and Christopher had a goal to become an Eagle Scout just like his grandfather.

The ceremony began with all scouts and scout leaders in attendance marching in to present the colors. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, playing of "America the Beautiful" was performed by Patrick and

John Lennon (friends) and Alicia Holl (Christopher's sister). Master of Ceremony was Brian Landry, Eagle Scout from Troop 78.

After the reading of the History of the Eagle by Scoutmaster Ray LaBorde and Brian LaBorde,

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Under The Direction Of Regent Dianne Little... Mercy Warren Chap. Of DAR To Meet On Tuesday, October 3rd

Mercy Warren Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will hold its October meeting in the Guild Rooms of Faith United Church, 52 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, on Tuesday, October 3rd, at 1:00 p.m., preceded by a finger luncheon (\$4) hosted by the Betsy Ross Club at 12:15 p.m.

The meeting will be under the direction of Regent Dianne Little of Agawam.

We will hear a report on the Fall State Meeting held in Barnstable, Cape Cod (for the dedication of the statue of Mercy Warren) and report on Constitution Week, which is celebrated September 17th-23rd in each community.

Miss Mary Andrews, our state Registrar, will speak of her service in the State Department.

The American Heritage Corner will feature memorabilia of the U. S. Government.

Guests are always welcome.

DAR welcomes new members. It is open to any woman over 18 who is descended from a man or woman who aided in achieving American independence.

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Christopher was presented with his Eagle Badge. Then Christopher pinned a miniature Eagle pin on his mother, Teresa Holl, and an Eagle tie-tac on his father, Herb Holl.

Herb then presented Christopher with his Eagle Scout Certificate and read a letter to him from the Chief Scout Executive.

Next, Mike Hogan and Dan Barber read the Eagle Charge, which explains the expectations of an Eagle Scout and had Christopher recommit to scouting's essential principles. Upon completion of this charge, Christopher's grandparents, Herb and Shirley Holl, presented him with the Eagle neckerchief.

Christopher was presented with certificates and/or greetings from the following:

Springfield Turnverein, Troop 78, Pioneer Valley Council, Order of the Arrow, Town of Agawam by Mayor Cohen, State Representative Dan Keenan, State Senator Linda Melconian, Governor of Massachusetts Paul Cellucci, U.S. Senator John Kerry, U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy, and President of the United States William J. Clinton.

Christopher also received an American flag from John Kerry. The flag was flown above the Capitol for one day.

A special presentation was made to Christopher by his uncle, David Brueno, and grandmother, Jane Brueno. They presented Christopher with his grandfather's pin and ring.

In conclusion, Christopher first challenged other



MAYOR RICHARD A. COHEN was one of the invited speakers when Boy Scout Christopher Holl (left) received his Eagle Scout Certificate. Looking on as Cohen addresses the gathering were Christopher's proud grandparents, Shirley Holl, Jane Brueno, and Herb Holl, Sr. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

scouts to continue in scouting and follow the path to become an Eagle Scout. He then gave personal comments, thanking many people present for their support and encouragement in assisting him to reach his goal of becoming an Eagle Scout.

He says he would like to give back to his troop as

much as he can and is planning to continue his scouting, helping to develop more Eagle Scouts.

Following the ceremony, everyone enjoyed dinner.

Christopher is currently a sophomore at Agawam High School. Good Luck, Christopher!

Granville Harvest Run To Be Held on Columbus Day

The second annual Granville Harvest Run will be held on Columbus Day weekend (Sunday, Oct. 8th, at 9:30 a.m.).

Proceeds from the race will benefit the Granville

Volunteer Ambulance.

The race is held on a gently-rolling 5K course (not on Granville's well-known Route 57 hills), and offers plenty of good homemade, post-race food and a top

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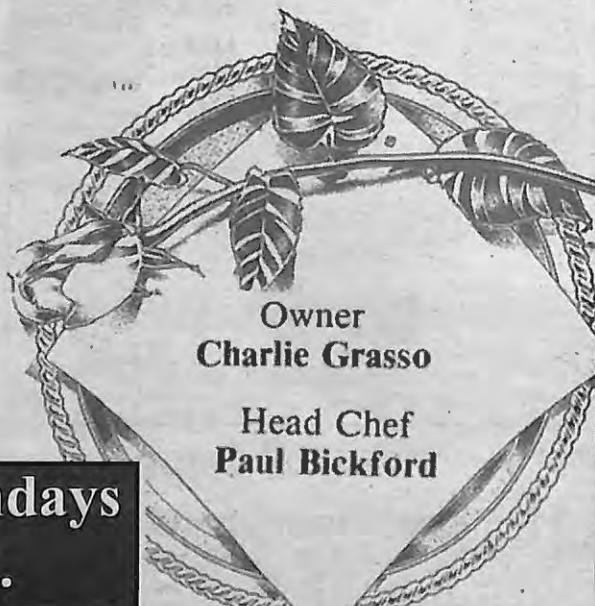
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Agawam Lions Club Slates Art Auction For October 18th

They say that "a picture is worth a thousand words," but how does that translate into dollars and cents?

Well, those who will be attending the upcoming fundraising art auction presented by Marlin Inc. of New York for the Agawam Lions Club will find out!

Approximately 160 pieces of art will be auctioned off for the benefit of Journey for Sight.

Collectors of art, as well as the novice attending their very first auction, will appreciate the professional way the artwork will be presented, explained, and auctioned.

Bob Loomis, chairman of the event, said, "We are pleased to present such an outstanding collection of art, and we will have something for everyone's taste and price range."

For example, we have works by LeRoy Neiman, Wooster Scott, Chagall, Tarkay, and many other fine artists.

Donations are \$5, and the public is invited to attend. The \$5 price includes complimentary wine and hors-d'oeuvres.

The preview will begin at 7:00 p.m., and the auction will begin promptly at 8:00 p.m.

The event will take place at the Oaks Banquet House on October 18th.

F.H. Grange #382 Announces Supper

Community Grange #382 will hold a Polish Supper on Saturday, October 21st from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall located at 47 North West Street.

The menu will consist of homemade stuffed cabbage, kielbasa, baked beans, vegetable, rye bread and butter, choice of dessert, coffee, tea, juice or milk.

Donation is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12. Reservations are strongly suggested and can be made by calling Pauline at 789-2061 or Evelyn at 786-0821.

If you missed the last one, don't miss this one! The public is invited to attend.

Happy 1st Birthday, Derek Sept. 13, 2000



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Agawam Girl Scouts Schedule Registration Night, Sept. 25th

It's time to register for a whole new year of fun and adventure in Pioneer Valley Girl Scouts!

Girls and adults can register at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, on Monday, September 25th, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Girl Scout uniforms, books, resource materials, and gifts will be available for purchase at the travelling Girl Scout Shop during the event.

For more information on joining Girl Scouts or volunteering, call Lesley Young at 786-3785 or Debbie Bonzek at 525-4124, ext. 21.

Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council serves girls in

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Tennis Tournament Reunion Held At The Plantation

Put on by Emile Barbero and Pam DeForge Jones, the reunion of the Tennis League, organized and coached by Rudy Altobelli in the mid-'60's, was a huge success.

This year, the reunion was a surprise party for Phillip DeForge, son of Phillip and Penny DeForge. Phil DeForge, Jr. is a graduate of Agawam High School and was a member of the tennis team during its most successful year.

Altobelli remembers that, "It was a 12-4 season and many times, Phil was my number one player." Although not an official team due to lack of other teams to play, Altobelli had to request that James Clark, then-Superintendent of Schools, ask the School Committee for approval, which was granted.

Phil's brother, Mark, recalls that the League would hold an end-of-summer reunion. Phil was completely surprised by the party and was delighted to see his friends and family in attendance at the gathering.

Scheduled For November 4th....

Crafters Wanted For Lioness Club's Holiday Craft Fair

The Agawam Lioness Club is seeking crafters for its upcoming Holiday Craft Fair.

The fair will be held on Saturday, November 4th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the St. Thomas School in West Springfield.

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AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE PHILLIP DEFORGE was honored at a Tennis Tournament reunion held at The Plantation, Sept. 9th. Phil and his wife, Vicky (6th and 7th from the left), are pictured with some of the many friends and family in attendance. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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DRAGON PATROL 1ST-YEAR WEBELOS went to Fitness First to work on the Aquanaut Activity Badge. Pictured in the pool are (from left) Michael Draghetti (behind paddle board), Calhy Cannizzaro, Christopher Brown, and David Hebert, Jr. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Former Mayor Christopher Johnson shows the scouts a machine that folds letters and puts them in envelopes, a job which prior to this, took Town Hall employees a considerable amount of time to do. The scouts visited Town Hall in order to earn their Citizen Activity Badge.

Agawam Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, September 25th: Salisbury steak w/gravy, rice Pilaf, peas, whole wheat bread, cantaloupe.

Tuesday, September 26th: Pork cutlet w/gravy, mashed potatoes, butternut squash, rye bread, lemon pudding.

Wednesday, September 27th: New meatloaf pie, steak fries, tossed salad, whole wheat bread, Betty's cookies.

Thursday, September 28th: Baked chicken leg, cheese-baked potatoes, green beans, whole wheat bread, applesauce.

Friday, September 29th: Macaroni & cheese, stewed tomatoes, corn muffins, pears.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

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Time/Design To Hold Inventory Clearance Tent Sale

Time/Design, a women-run time management and productivity organization, will hold an Inventory Clearance Tent Sale on Saturday, September 30th, and Sunday, October 1st.

Included will be stationery sets, paper, envelopes, calendars, resume kits, organizers, travel items, and desk and electronic accessories.

All items are first-quality discontinued and over-stock items.

Additionally, Time/Design employees will be donating goods for a tag sale, also held on site. The proceeds from the tag sale will be donated to The Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts.

This special sale event will be located at 265 Main Street in Agawam, on the front lawn of the Southworth Building (just around the corner from The Big E).

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Nerine Simpson Celebrates 100th Birthday



NERINE SIMPSON CELEBRATED HER 100TH BIRTHDAY with family and friends at Heritage Woods in Agawam. Nerine is holding a plaque honoring her special day while surrounded by family, some of whom came from as far away as San Diego and Salt Lake City. Pictured above are (from left) George Simpson, Gary Simpson, Nerine, Sherry Smith, and Alice Simpson. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Pot Luck Supper To Open Agawam Women's Club Year

The Agawam Women's Club will open the year with a pot luck supper to be held at the Captain Charles Leonard House on September 25th at 6:30 p.m.

Bring your favorite dish and join new friends and old in a community-involved environment. Members should also bring a parcel post for our auction.

We are busy making plans for the Fashion Showcase Luncheon to be held at Chez Josef on October 29th. This is our fundraising project for this year. We need donations for door prizes and for raffles.

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There will be continuous servings from 8:00 a.m. to noontime.

The menu will consist of French toast, sausage, orange juice, and coffee, tea, or milk. We will have egg substitute for those who can't have eggs.

"ASGA" will be assisted by the Agawam Lions Club, who will do the cooking.

This event promises to be a very enjoyable morning with family and friends.

We hope to see many of our friends and civic leaders come out for this event.

The tickets will be \$3.00 for adults, and \$1.50 for children under 10.

Tickets may be purchased from any member of "ASGA," or at the Senior Center.

Ag. Junior Women's Club Plans Fashion Show For March 4th

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is planning a "Step Into Style" Fashion Show to be held on March 4, 2001 at Chez Josef in Agawam.

All proceeds from this event will benefit the AJWC's **Annual Scholarship Fund** for qualifying high school graduates.

In previous years, the AJWC has presented \$500 scholarships to many area students and are working

to increase the number of recipients in 2001.

Call Mary O'Connell at 733-7300 or Terri Luvera at 789-1581 with any questions regarding this fundraiser.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

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Sunless Tanning

Last week, I wrote about tanning beds and the use of self-tanning lotions. This week, I will explain how to prepare your skin to get the most from your favorite sunless product. (I have been told that Coppertone or Bain de Soleil Streak Guard are the favorites.)

My only warning is not to try any of these products before a big event. Experiment when you have nothing special planned.

Practice on an area of your body that will not show, so you can perfect the look you want to achieve (your midriff is a good choice).

Light-skinned persons should be careful not to choose a deep bronzer; this will be too artificial-looking. Medium or light shades look most natural, and you can reapply if a deeper look is desired. Skin preparation is important for best results.

Following these simple steps will set the stage for your new "tan" without the ultra-violet lights!

* **Exfoliate** your body using a loofah, and your face using an alpha-hydroxy acid or a salicylic acid product for a few days before application. Pay special attention to dry areas like the elbows and knees. Shave your legs to get a smooth surface to work on (this step also ensures removal of dead skin on this area). To eliminate this step will leave the dead, top layer of your skin on (producing a dry, patchy look).

* **Dry** your skin thoroughly so not to water down the product, and skip the moisturizer as it will keep the product from adhering to the skin. Direct contact of the product with the skin is important for an even effect.

* **Start** from the top, and work your way down leaving the face and neck for last. This gives the body time

Heritage Hall Residents Donate To Museum



THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION has been presented with two handmade wooden planes, donated to the museum by the residents of Heritage Hall East. The planes were made by Edward Wollner, Sr. and his son, Joseph. The elder Mr. Wollner immigrated to the United States from Austria in 1910 and settled in Feeding Hills. Residents Bobbie Andrews, Beverly Humiston, Florence Cote, and Lydia Ross are pictured above, along with Anne Liptak, chairman of the Archival Committee, and Helen Manning, Heritage Hall East Activities Director. The Historical Association continues to seek artifacts for the museum. Please call 786-3031.

to dry while you finish the application. Apply with your hands and blend well. The product should wash off the palms easily, but be careful not to streak the top of the hands. If you feel more comfortable, you can wear tight-fitting latex gloves and leave your hand application for last.

* **Face** application should be subtle and blended with the neck. Don't forget the ears and blend lightly into the hairline (blonde and light-colored hair may stain, so be cautious). A powder bronzer can be brushed on the cheeks for a healthy glow later.

* **Finish** by washing your hands right away. Let them dry completely before you sit down, get dressed, or put on your glasses, or you will end up with

smudges.

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If the color is too intense, the use of an exfoliating product should help to reduce the color a little faster. Reapplication can be done every two to three days to maintain, adjusting as needed for your skin type.

One last bit of caution - don't forget the sunscreen if you go outdoors. These self-tanning products do not have sunscreens in them.

Thought for a smile: new fall shades for your fingertips and toes. And remember ... *beauty is our business!*

St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee Looking For Volunteers

Interested Agawam residents have initiated the organization of this town's own, St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

This committee will be affiliated with the Holyoke Parade Committee and will work with area organizations and businesses to create and fund a marching

contingent and float for the Annual Parade in Holyoke.

The preparation for this event is a year-long process and may include picking a Colleen, picking award recipients of awards, designing, funding, and building a float.

Members need not be of Irish heritage. Any inter-

ested citizens may join this worthwhile and enjoyable committee.

Anyone interested in participating in this organization is urged to contact: Mike Tuckey - 789-9272; Bob Magovern - 786-0244; or Gerry O'Keefe - 786-2483.



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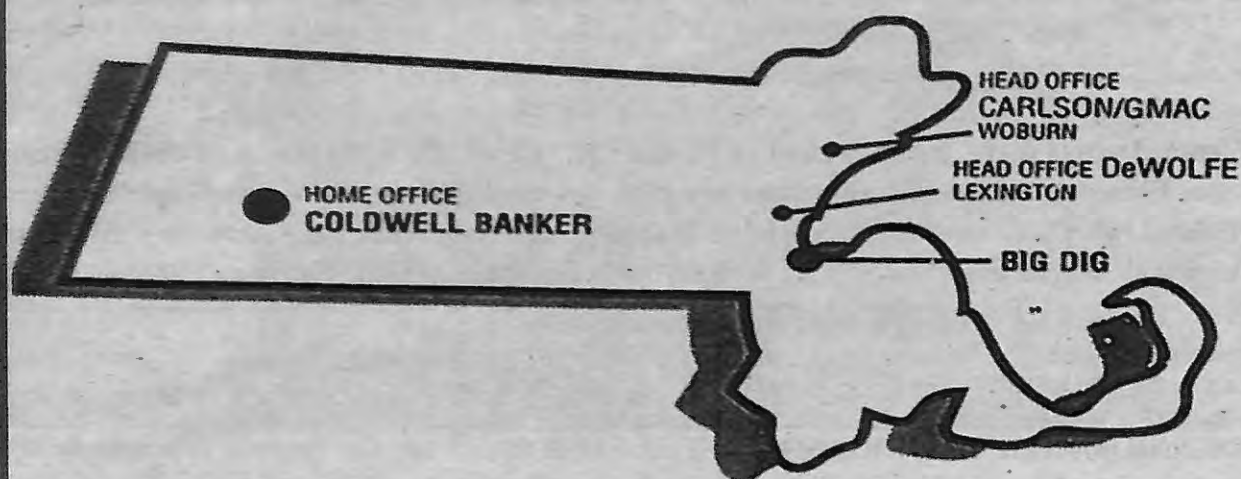
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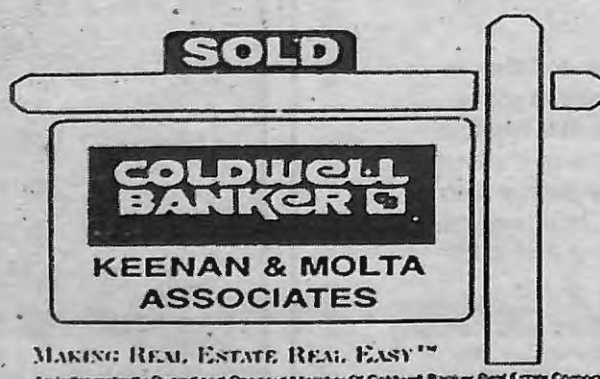
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Church News

Parish News And Notes From St. John's Church

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2000: The final class for those who will be Confirmed on October 23rd will be September 24th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Those to be confirmed in the class of 2001 are reminded to schedule their interview with Father Howard before September 27th.

HELP! - WE STILL NEED YOU: The **BAZAAR** is coming ... As you know, this is virtually the only fundraiser that we have here at St. John's. All the proceeds of the Bazaar go directly to the parish. This year the date is **DECEMBER 2ND**. Those who work on the Bazaars have found them very rewarding. Come and see how you could fit in. **Call Joan Malinoski, the chairwoman, at 789-0299.** She would *love to hear from you!*

PARISH WEB SITE: Our web site has been completed and is up and running. The Ministry Schedules are posted should you lose your printed copy ... www.stjohnnevanglistchurch.org.

PRESCHOOL SUNDAY PROGRAM: We hope to get our preschool program during the 9:30 Sunday Mass in operation by October 1st. We still welcome volunteers to help. Maybe our new Confirmation class members might want to do this for their Community Service?

CROP WALK 2000 COMING OCTOBER 15TH: We need someone to be in charge. Call the Parish Office, 786-8105; it will make you feel good!

INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? If you or someone you know is looking for a church, you might suggest their thinking about looking into the Catholic family. Sometimes, all people need is an invitation. They may need YOU to open a door for them. You would really be surprised how hard it is for some to take this step. Please call Fr. Bill, Sr. Mary Clare, or Fr. Howard. We would be happy to discuss a journey of faith.

WHY NOT JOIN THE CHOIR??? Rehearsals are every Tuesday evening at 7:15 p.m. in the church. We would be happy to have you join us.

BOY SCOUTS AND CUB SCOUTS: The fall Bottle/Can Drive will be October 7th, with pick-up service available. Call Ed, 789-3587, or Bob, 786-0749.

"Why Did It Have To Rain???"



SUDDEN DOWNPOURS WERE NOT IN THE FORECAST for the Annual Tag Sale held in the parking lot of Sacred Heart Church on Saturday, September 8th, and many of those who were selling their wares were forced to seek shelter under tents or go inside. Members of the Ouellette family were fully prepared for inclement weather, however, and pitched a tent for their booth. Back row: Danielle, Nancy, Jeannette, and Steve Ouellette. Front row: Terri-Ann Ouellette and Anne St. Onge. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Good Shepherd Church Slates Tag Sale

The Annual Tag Sale at The Church of The Good Shepherd, located at 214 Elm Street in West Springfield, will be held on Saturday, October 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

This Tag Sale is a popular event because of the great central location, indoor venue, and the quality of the merchandise available. You will find all types of household items, collectibles, a great book sale, videos and

CD's, clothes, toys, etc.

There are a few spaces still available for rent by non-parishioners.

If you are interested in renting a space, please call the church office at 734-1976 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on weekdays.

The Right Kind Of Faith

What kind of faith do you need to be forgiven of your sins and to obtain peace with God? The right kind of faith focuses on Jesus Christ. Here's what to do:

1. Admit your sinfulness and tell the Lord you want to turn from it. Jesus said, "Unless you repent you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3).
2. Believe that "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).
3. Trust in Jesus as your personal Savior and Lord. Romans 10:9 says, "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

The time to trust in Christ, to make Him the object of your faith, is now. You can do it today by praying something like this:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner and that in my own strength I cannot do anything to please You or to earn eternal life. I believe that You love me and that You sent Your Son to die on the cross to pay the penalty for my sin. I now put my faith in You and trust completely in Jesus Christ to rescue me. I desire to turn away from my sin and to let You take control of my life. Amen.

If you prayed that prayer in all sincerity, you can say, "Now I have the right kind of faith!"

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How To Live By Faith...

Of all the books in the Bible, the great reformer Martin Luther disliked only one: the Epistle of James. In fact, if Luther could have had his way, the Epistle of James would have been dropped from the New Testament altogether. Martin Luther's dislike of the Epistle of James stemmed from the fact that this Epistle seemed to him to be legalistic; to Luther, the Epistle of James was a rulebook.

Martin Luther had struggled for a terribly long time, trying to be good enough to be acceptable to God. Luther's early life was a sad one by anybody's standards. If a child today was treated like Martin Luther, as well as perhaps many of Luther's contemporaries, that child would no doubt be removed by the child care authorities and placed in foster care. Luther was subjected to beatings regularly, by his father as well as his teachers, for the slightest of infractions. One thing which was beaten into Luther was a sense of worthlessness. Such harsh treatment was contrary to God's instructions, **Fathers, do not exasperate your children.**

Martin Luther was definitely exasperated, but finally, one day the light dawned in his heart. A single phrase from the Book of Romans, which was actually quoting the Old Testament, changed Martin Luther's life forever. **The just shall live by faith.** We can't do it on our own! **The just shall live by faith,** means we trust God rather than try harder. No matter how hard we try, we simply cannot absolve ourselves of our wrongdoing.

In one sense, it is easy to become a Christian. People are not Christians simply because they are not

Jewish or Muslim. A person does not automatically become a Christian because he or she was raised in a Christian home. The Bible uses the analogy of marriage to describe the Christian life. Every marriage begins with the exchanging of vows. Persons to be married pledge themselves to one another, warts and all (although we dress that up by saying "in sickness and in health, for richer or poorer," etc.) None of us who are married are so simply because our parents are or were married; each of us had to make our own commitment.

Luther was correct in insisting that it is by faith alone that a person finds right standing with God. There is nothing any of us can do to deserve the favor of God, either in this life or in heaven. God has already said "I do," through the prophets of the Old Testament, and then through His Son Jesus Christ. **For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.** There is only one way a person can become a Christian. Each and every one of us must accept Jesus Christ as our personal Savior and Lord to become a Christian. We accept Jesus Christ by faith, not in what we can do for God, but rather in what God has already done for us.

Historians generally describe Martin Luther as a great reformer, and that he was. But at heart, Luther was actually a great evangelist. He wanted everybody to know the thrill of being right with God. There really is nothing better. It's like being in love, only magnified many times over. It was the evangelist in Luther which prompted him to emphasize "Sola Fida," perhaps at the expense of practical Christian living.

Those of us who are married realized some time ago that the wedding day is the beginning, not the end, of the marriage. After we say "I do" at the wedding altar, we need to live out the "I do" each

day. So it is with being a Christian. Becoming a Christian is one matter, being a Christian is sometimes quite another! The Epistle of James is one of the "how to" books of the Bible. It is by no means alone within the Scripture in this regard. Luther considered the Epistle of James to be a rulebook, but really it is a practical handbook for Christian reading.

Perhaps the Epistle of James is best summed up in these verses: **What good is it my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but you do not have works? Can faith alone save you? But someone will say "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe - and shudder! For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.**

There's a saying, "Christian aren't perfect, just forgiven." In a very real sense, that is true. However, it is not completely true. While nobody is perfect, a Christian's life should reflect the grace of God in our lives. Christians are "works in progress," with the emphasis being on the word "progress."

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.



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News From Feeding Hills Cong.

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday Service of Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon is entitled "What Do You Know About Tomorrow." The Scripture reading is James 4:1-10, 13-17. Chris Mangano will be Lector. Ushers will be Ben and Sharon Rozanski.

This week's Youth Moment is "A Mighty Pull." Children, who are invited to attend worship with adults, may leave at the designated time for Sunday School. Nursery care is provided for the very young.

Seats for the Olympic events are hard to get. Don't despair! We have a seat for you at our Roast Beef Dinner to be held on September 23rd!

This delicious dinner will benefit Rev. Donaldson's Mission trip to Honduras. Included on the menu are roast beef and gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetable, tossed salad, bread and butter, beverage, and dessert.

Dinner will be served from 5:00 until 6:30 p.m. Reservations may be made by calling Sharon Rozanski at 786-8743, Betty Bava at 786-0679, or Diane Fiejdasz at 786-3022. Walk-ins are welcome.

The Agawam Parish Association Thanksgiving Dinner Committee will meet here on Monday, September 25th, at 7:30 p.m.

Neglect of the spiritual is not an option for a viable church nor for its individual members. We will offer a series of three Friday evening adult retreats to be held once a month during September, October, and November. The first will take place on September 29th from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m.

Each evening will begin with time spent together, continue with time for solitude as we disperse to sep-

arate rooms to pursue individual disciplines, and conclude with a brief time for devotions as a group. The goal is not to "fix" everything that is wrong or lacking in our spiritual lives, but to begin what is truly a lifelong process of becoming more spiritually centered.

In finding time for the sacred, we begin our own healing. Please speak to Rev. Donaldson if you have any questions about attending this retreat. Reservations are not required.

There will be a special meeting of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church called by the Property Committee immediately following worship service on Sunday, October 8th. The complete call will be found in the next issue of The Informer.

On the calendar:

Friday, September 22nd: Confirmation Class overnight.

Saturday, September 23rd: 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., Honduras Mission Supper.

Sunday, September 24th: 10:00 a.m., Gift & Promise/Sunday School; 12:00 noon, Church of Redemption.

Monday, September 25th: 3:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts; 7:30 p.m., APA Thanksgiving Dinner Committee.

Tuesday, September 26th: 3:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Financial Stewardship.

Wednesday, September 27th: 3:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Confirmation; 7:30 p.m., Choir.

Thursday, September 28th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:00 p.m., Church of Redemption.

Activities At St. Anthony's & St. Theresa's

MASS SCHEDULE

- * **Monday-Wednesday:** 9:00 a.m., St. Theresa.
- * **Thursday:** 7:00 p.m., St. Theresa.
- * **Friday & Saturday:** 9:00 a.m., St. Anthony.
- * **Saturday:** 4:30 p.m., St. Theresa.
- * **Sunday:** 8:30 a.m., St. Anthony; 11:00 a.m., St. Theresa.
- * **Holy Day Vigil:** 6:00 p.m., St. Anthony.
- * **Holy Day:** 9:00 a.m./6:00 p.m., St. Theresa.
- * **Rosary:** One half-hour before daily Mass.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- * **Saturday, September 23rd:** 9:00 a.m., Annual Novena to St. Theresa begins and will be prayed daily within the daily Masses through the Feast of St. Theresa on October 1st.
- * **Sunday, September 24th:** 9:15 a.m., CCD begins for K-8th grade.
- * **Monday, September 25th:** 6:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal for the "8:30 and 11:00" choirs at St. Anthony Church; 7:00 p.m., CCD begins for grades 7, 8, 9, and 10.
- * **Tuesday, September 26th:** 6:00 p.m., Adult Bible Study at Parish Hall; 7:00 p.m., Lector & Eucharistic Ministers Training at the Parish Hall; 7:30 p.m., Pre Cana Team meeting at St. Theresa Rectory.
- * **Wednesday, September 27th:** 7:00 p.m., Cantata Rehearsal at St. Theresa Church.
- * **Thursday, September 28th:** 7:30 p.m., Christmas Party Committee meets at St. Theresa Rectory; 7:30 p.m., "4:30 choir" rehearsal at St. Theresa Church.

Events And Activities At First Baptist Church In Agawam

Rev. Barnes' sermon for Sunday, September 24th, is entitled "It's Not What You Say," and he will be reading from Matthew, chapter 21.

A time of coffee and fellowship follows worship, after which opportunities for study and learning are offered for all ages.

The class "All Ears" is open to anyone interested in Christian music.

Our youth meet each Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

On Thursday, September 28th, the Handiwork Group will meet at the home of Dorothy Major.

Dorothy Major also leads a Bible study in her home each Thursday evening at 7:00.

Church office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and the office can be reached at 786-7300.

Ham & Bean Supper At 1st Baptist

The First Baptist Church of Agawam would like to invite you to their Ham and Bean Supper on October 7th.

Serving times are 4:45 p.m. or 6:15 p.m.

The cost of the supper is \$7.50 for adults, and children (under 10) are \$3.00.

The supper is to include baked ham, homemade beans, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls, coffee, tea, or milk, and apple dessert.

For reservations, call 786-8624, 786-8209, or 786-8609. If you find you are unable to honor your reservation, please call and cancel.

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Calendar From Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, September 24th, our service begins at 10:30 a.m. with Reverend Earl Eisenbach officiating.

Childcare is available for infants and toddlers. The Senior Choir, under the leadership of Ellen Cogen, will be singing.

Pastor Earl and his wife, Barbara, are members of the Order of St. Luke (an ecumenical world-wide healing organization) and are available for prayer after the service. Also, following the service there is a fellowship hour in Bryan Hall.

A new photo directory is being compiled. Sign-ups for appointments with the photographer will be taken each Sunday at Coffee Hour.

Men are invited to join the Men's Prayer Time, which meets at 7:45 a.m. each Wednesday morning.

We read from the devotional guide "Upper Room" for meditation and discussion, with time for coffee and fellowship.

The Midweek Prayer, Healing, and Communion Service has resumed on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This is an informal service of prayer, communion, and meditation on the healing ministry of Jesus.

Cornerstone Christian Stores To Present VeggieTales Video

Cornerstone Christian Stores has announced that the Agawam premiere showing of **ESTHER ... The Girl Who Became Queen**, the newest release from Big Idea's popular *VeggieTales* video series, will take place at the **Agawam Family Cinemas** at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 30th. This premiere viewing is open to the public, and tickets for the event can be purchased at **Cornerstone Christian Stores** for \$2 (purchase must be before September 30th) or at the theater the day of the event for \$3.

In *Esther*, the 14th and newest *VeggieTales* story, a regular girl wakes up one day with the weight of the world on her shoulders. Can she find the courage to do what's right? The classic Bible story of Esther comes to life in the most spectacular *VeggieTales* adventure ever.

With a lesson in courage, *Esther* is destined to become the next *VeggieTales* classic. The premiere is part of a *VeggieTales* Spectacular, with the sing-along favorites and more from the folks at Big Idea and **Cornerstone Christian Stores**.

Rosary Sunday Devotions By Dominican Nuns

On Sunday, October 1st, beginning at 1:00 p.m., the Annual Rosary Sunday Devotions will take place at the Chapel of the Dominican Nuns, 1430 Riverdale Street, West Springfield.

The preacher will be Reverend Kevin McGrath, O.P., St. Vincent Ferrer Priory of New York City.

The service will include the Homily, the Rosary, and the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. In addition, roses will be blessed and distributed to the guests by the members of the Dominican Laity Chapter.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

On Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m., "Wrestling with Angels," a discussion series, will tackle life issues head-on. The topic will be "Why Me? If You're So Good, Why Are Things So Awful?" The co-leaders are Barbara Eisenbach and Gerry Desroches.

On Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m., "Grief Share - Your Journey From Mourning to Joy" takes place in the Friendship Room. This is a grief support group being led by Pastor Earl and his wife.

There is a video presentation on such topics as "When Your Dreams Fall Apart," "The Session of Grief," and "Growing through Grief." The series is Christ-centered and Biblically-based, and includes sharing and healing prayer. This is open to all who are struggling with the loss of loved ones.

Potluck Dinner And Dance:

This is scheduled for September 23rd from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Christian Education Youth Committees, this is a church-wide family event.

Members of the community are invited to participate in all the church events. For further information, the church office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every weekday at 786-7111.

News From Faith Bible Church

This past weekend, our men travelled to a retreat in Monterey, MA, and had a wonderful time. They had quite a few stories to tell about each other, so we all had a laugh.

This time always gives the men things to think about that relate to life, and they all come back with a smile, many things learned, and new friendships.

Our youth group will continue to meet at the church on Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. They all seem to have a wonderful time and look forward to seeing good friends.

On September 29th, we are holding our monthly pot luck at the church. All are invited, and there is always enough food for all.

More information on our upcoming tag sale (October 13th and 14th) will be coming soon. It will be held on the grounds of our church on Shoemaker Lane.

All the hometown news with us...

Events At Crossroads Christian Fellowship

Crossroads is located at 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. Our Sunday morning worship begins at 10:00 a.m. with worship leader Michael Caba and Pastor Gary Reiff teaching.

On Saturday, September 23rd, come and see what God will do! Harp & Bowl - 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. (worship and intercession); Night Watch - 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. (a night of worship, prayer & fasting).

Intercessory Prayer: Sunday morning, 9:00 a.m.; Monday morning, 10:00 a.m.; Monday evening, 6:30 p.m. (Harp & Bowl). God is calling his Prayer Warriors forth; come for a time of prayer and notice the difference in your life.

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"Acquire The Fire - Attention Youth": Acquire The Fire is returning to Amherst on September 29th and 30th. Mark your calendars.

Also, the Acquire The Fire band will be at Crossroads on Sunday, October 1st.

For further information, please call the church office at 821-0937.

Pot Roast Dinner At St. David's

St. David's Episcopal Church will be hosting a Pot Roast Dinner on Monday, October 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

The dinner will be held at St. David's Church at 699 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The menu will include: Pot Roast, Glazed Carrots, Garden Salad, Bread & Butter, Coffee, Tea and Juice, as well as Bread Pudding for dessert.

Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12. These may be purchased in advance at St. David's or at the door. Due to a sell-out on most of last year's dinners, we will be unable to hold unpaid reservations past 6:15 p.m. without prior arrangements.

Proceeds from this dinner will go towards the debt reduction of the new church building.

For more information, please call (413) 786-6133.

Reservations Due For Rev. Barnes' Dinner

The deadline for reservations for Rev. Richard Barnes' October 1st farewell dinner reception at Agawam Baptist Church is September 24th.

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Hampden Savings Bank Starts Biggest Expansion In Its History

Fresh off the announcement of its expansion into the Greater Agawam banking market, Hampden Savings Bank (HSB) has announced its acquisition of 15,000 square feet of space at 77-83 Market Street. This latest purchase brings HSB's recent bank-wide infrastructure investment to over \$2.7 million (including all renovations in the last five years, Internet costs, and cost of Agawam). Hampden Savings Bank, a mutual savings bank dating back to 1852, is the only local bank with its headquarters in Springfield.

"We are committed to the Greater Springfield banking market," noted Thomas Burton, President of Hampden Savings Bank. "This acquisition will bring our downtown headquarters to over 25,000 square feet and enhance the services of our growing banking network. With this additional space, we will expand our e-commerce, business banking, and mortgage and consumer lending departments, allowing us to considerably enhance our convenience banking services."

Burton explained that HSB has been making extensive investment in convenience banking technologies to afford its customers with 24x7 control over their finances. HSB recently launched a comprehensive e-banking, bill paying, and financial services web site, providing its customers with nationally accessible telephone banking services, and is in the process of connecting all of its branches with high-speed Internet access to speed up internal and external communica-

tions.

"We have responded to consumer demands for more service and convenience, yet as a local bank, we will continue to deliver such services in the manner our customers desire, be it through a branch or online," Burton stated.

HSB had leased space on the second floor of the building and only recently completed extensive renovations on that space. Since that renovation, the Bank has added an additional 15 employees. With the purchase of the entire building from the Johnson family, the Bank will spend an additional \$400,000 to renovate the remainder of the building.

"We will actually be completely reorganizing our entire headquarters at this time," explained Robert Massey, Senior Vice-President and Treasurer. "While our mortgage and consumer lending department will occupy most of the new space, their 'moving' will allow our e-commerce and business banking departments to reorganize and expand as well. It truly is the best of both worlds for the Bank and downtown. We now have the space to expand our operations, and we can do so while increasing professional jobs downtown."

The Bank recently purchased the space (which formerly housed the Johnson's Book Store Used Books Department) from the Johnsons for \$500,000. The

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Raymond Rose is a resident of Agawam and the Founder/Senior Associate of **THE PIONEER GROUP**, a professional real estate and financial services firm serving home buyers and sellers throughout the area.

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"We're happy to have Bina on board and working hard for our clients in the Greater Springfield area," says Bob Molta, President of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates.

Wrona just received her brokerage license and is taking courses to focus on commercial and investment real estate. She's a resident of Springfield and a member of the Commercial and Industrial Division of the Greater Springfield Association of Realtors.

Wrona also handles residential sales and purchases. Her past experience as a business owner will help her cater to the needs of those looking to bring their businesses to Western Massachusetts. She's eager to work with local people who may want to start investing in real estate by purchasing rental properties.

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Information regarding this petition may be obtained from Western Mass. Electric Company in Springfield, Tel. No. 785-5871.

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Ursula Retzler
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SLIP, TRIP & FALL

Sidewalk - Discarded Bundling Rope

The 82 year-old plaintiff was taking a walk along a sidewalk near her senior citizens' apartment tower when she tripped and fell, allegedly on discarded bundling rope used by the defendant to bundle newspapers at a nearby location.

She sustained a fracture of the distal radius and ulna in her left wrist, her dominant hand. She also sustained abrasions to her right knee. She received approximately three months of in-home physical therapy and nursing visits.

Her psychological expert was prepared to testify that the accident caused significant emotional distress due to the fact that she was living alone and had previously enjoyed an active life, which included frequent dancing.

Liability and damages were contested. The defendant was expected to establish at trial that there was no evidence of prior problems at that location where the plaintiff fell relating to deliveries of newspapers; that there was no evidence the defendant was responsible for the removal of the alleged bundling materials on the sidewalk; and that there was no evidence the defendant was responsible or had control over the maintenance or cleaning of the sidewalk.

The defendant further expected to establish that the plaintiff's alleged emotional distress was caused in large measure by personal losses unrelated to the incident.

The case was settled for \$112,000.00

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

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renovations are expected to be completed in approximately one month; however, Burton does not see the work stopping at that time.

"Once we begin full operations on Main Street, we would like to explore ways to bring employees and visitors back to this area of downtown," furthered Burton. "Market Street used to be a commercial hub of downtown Springfield, and we intend to work with our neighbors, the city, and the Chamber of Commerce to realize that potential again."

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Five Steps To Building A Profitable Consulting Business...

Name just about any field - from social services to big business - and you'll find a need for consultants.

With increasing employee costs and downsizings, opportunities to find a niche as an independent contractor seem to be endless.

If you're thinking of joining the new breed of 21st-century entrepreneurs and are preparing to launch your consulting career, consider these five important steps.

1. Assess your ability to work independently. While it's true that there are many advantages to being an independent worker, not everyone is suited for self-employment. Before you jump in with both feet, a candid self-evaluation should be your first important step.

Are you a self-starter? Are you good at planning ahead? Are you adaptable to changing conditions? Are you willing to do whatever needs to be done from filing to sales presentations? Are you willing and able to take a financial risk?

As you might guess, individuals responding positively to questions like these during the self-assessment phase are more likely to succeed in business on their own.

2. Create and live by your business plan. Once you've made the decision to launch your venture, the next step is to create a business plan.

Don't underestimate the importance of your plan - it is your roadmap for success. While the tendency is to make the business planning process complex, you'll probably find that the simpler your plan, the more likely you'll be to keep it alive.

Most plans contain common points of information:

- * A statement of purpose.
- * A business description.
- * A description of the service you will provide.
- * A timetable and projections.
- * A profile of your target client, including what need your service fulfills for that client.
- * An assessment of the market and a marketing plan.
- * Projected finances.

Keep in mind that a plan is a guiding tool that is not cast in concrete. As your business evolves, keep this crucial tool fresh by reviewing and altering it regularly.

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3. Build a network of associates and advisors. Working solo is not necessarily working alone. While you're growing your consulting business, the importance of networking can't be overemphasized.

In fact, some experts contend that the most valuable skill you can possess as an independent consultant is the ability to connect with others.

For starters, you may want to consider joining your local Chamber of Commerce or a local trade organization. Building a network of advisors on whom you can rely is also important. A trusted team of financial, legal and tax advisors is invaluable as you set out on your new business venture.

The U.S. Small Business Administration offers a wide variety of information and resources at little or no cost. To get information about the SBA and its services, check the government pages of your phone directory for the office near you. You can also call the SBA's toll-free hotline at 1-800-U-ASK-SBA or visit its Website at www.sba.com.

4. Stake out your space - at home or away. Home-based consulting businesses are a fast-growing segment of small business - and it's easy to see why. It's often convenient to work from where the overhead can be controlled.

When making your decision whether to have your office at home or in another location, consider important factors like how well your home will accommodate a business and how other family members will respect your work space. Also, consider how well you will be able to separate your work life from your personal life if your office is in your home.

If you'll lose productivity due to having a home office, it may be well worth the extra cost of renting outside space. One popular cost-saving option for independents seeking office space is to team up with other consultants in the same situation.

5. Manage your time effectively. Between the start and end of the day, only so much time exists. The trick is to stick to your priorities and manage time well.

Some entrepreneurs have trouble distinguishing between activity and accomplishment. While activity fills your time, it doesn't lead you to your goals. To be sure you don't waste time on non-productive activities, ask yourself, "Was the time I just spent channeled in a profitable direction?" If not, make sure that your next activity is more productive.

In reality, the many time demands of the solo worker will likely pull you in several directions. To realize the highest levels of success, intense concentration and focus are musts.

If you've procrastinated a decision to start your consulting business, now may be the time to take the next step. With a little adventurous spirit and a lot of determination, you could be on your way to independent success by this time next year.



ROBERTA L. BRUNDRETT

Roberta L. Brundrett Appointed To MBA Board Of Directors

Roberta L. Brundrett, a local attorney who represents Agawam on the Republican State Committee, has been appointed by Governor A. Paul Cellucci as a member of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.

She was sworn into the position on July 6th.

She is a graduate of Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts, A.B. Magna Cum Laude, and of Boston University School of Law, J.D.

Her areas of concentration in the law are in commercial and residential real estate and estate planning.

Ms. Brundrett maintains her own law firm in Springfield.

There are currently nine members of the Board of Directors, which appoints a general manager, approves certain contracts, and reviews fiscal operations.

In addition to serving on the Board of Directors of the MBTA, Ms. Brundrett is a corporator of the Springfield Library and Museums and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps.

She has also served on the Board of Directors of the Y.W.C.A. of Western Massachusetts and was chair of the Western Regional Committee of the Judicial Nominating Council for seven years prior to this appointment.



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September Health Screenings At Mercy Hospital

Mercy Hospital will conduct cholesterol and blood glucose screenings on Thursday, September 28th, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Memorial House Auditorium on the hospital campus, 271 Carew Street, Springfield.

There is a \$10 donation for the cholesterol screening; a \$2 donation is requested for the blood glucose screening. Fasting for 12 hours (water is allowed) prior to testing is recommended; results will be mailed to participants.

No advance registration is required. For more information, call the Patient Education Department, (413) 748-9024, weekdays between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m., or leave a message.

Mercy Hospital is a member of the Sisters of Providence Health System (SPHS). The SPHS's member organizations provide hospital and ambulatory care, rehabilitation, behavioral health services, nursing home care, retirement living, employee health services, home care, and more.

The SPHS is a founding member of Catholic Health East, one of the nation's largest health care systems.

Catholic Health East facilities serve communities in eastern states from Maine to Florida.

The Atrium Celebrates 3rd Year With 'Country Fest'

The Atrium's Annual Country Fest and Open House will be held on Sunday, September 24th from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public and will feature hay rides, fiddlers, country music and dancing, clowns, face painting, games, prizes, food, fun, and entertainment for all.

Tours of the Atrium, an assisted-living residence in Agawam exclusively for the memory impaired, will be given throughout the afternoon.

For more information, contact the Atrium at 821-9911.

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Why Chiropractic???

Chiropractic utilization is increasing. Why? A recent article - *Key to Aging Baby Boomer Health: Chiropractic, Healthy Lifestyle - October is Spinal Health Month: Follow the Baby Boomers' Lead - Arlington, VA, September 19th/PRNewswire/* - helps explain why.

Over the hill at age 55? Ready for the rocker at 70? Not these days.

Americans are living longer and making more of their later years. One key is exercise. Another may be visiting a doctor of chiropractic regularly, according to recent studies of the nation's health-minded, baby boomer generation.

Over the next 15 years, more than 70 million Americans born between 1946 and 1964 will hit the half-century mark. For many baby boomers, this realization has prompted a quest to remain healthy and to retain youthful vigor naturally - with alternative health care, such as chiropractic.

A survey of baby boomers conducted last fall by Sorelli B, a national research firm, found that more than a third of those surveyed said chiropractic care prevented the need for prescription drugs and physical therapy.

The survey also found that many respondents believe chiropractic care has helped them avoid back

surgery and hospital stays.

The baby boomers surveyed value chiropractic care so much, in fact, that they are willing to pay for the services out-of-pocket, although they would prefer to have the care covered by their insurance plans.

Nearly 60 percent of those surveyed said they would be willing to sign a petition asking their insurance companies to include chiropractic as a core component of their health plan.

Many baby boomers are moving away from the traditional model of "disease management" medical care to a new model of preventive health care, and chiropractic plays a big role in that shift.

Studies have shown that the majority of people who visit doctors of chiropractic are concerned about healthy eating habits, wellness, and overall healthy lifestyles. Chiropractic helps them prevent illnesses naturally.

Overall, 60 percent of the regular patients surveyed believe their doctor of chiropractic has improved their quality of life. But the baby boomer generation isn't the only segment of the population finding great value in chiropractic care.

A recent survey published in the May 2000 issue of the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society* found that more than half of people over age 55 seek chiropractic care for mild to moderate complaints. And a study conducted in Italy in the mid-1980's with 17,200 chiropractic patients revealed an 87 percent reduction in hospital stays during the five-year period following their first visit to a doctor of chiropractic.

The staff of Schlaffer Chiropractic Office includes both a female and male practitioner. Feel free to contact us. We are located at 192 Shoemaker Lane in Agawam. Call us at 789-1369 or 789-1073.



"Let's Talk About It"

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Tell Me A Story...

"Daddy, tell me a story about when you were a little boy!" my 4-1/2 year-old daughter half-questioned and half-declared. I struggled to obey her wish, terrified of what I might remember and certain I couldn't remember anything earlier than when I was 12.

Hannah had no idea what she had just stumbled

into. All she knew was that she wanted to get to know me better, especially the "little boy" in me. She would always enjoy my "little boy" coming out to play, and she had a way about her that would invite my playfulness to meet hers.

There were three things I did know about what she had stumbled into by inviting "my story." First was how truly frightening her invitation felt to me. Second, we both knew our relationship would never be the same. And third was that I would never be the same.

It's been nearly three years since she said, "Daddy, tell me a story about when you were a little boy!" I don't know how I do it, but nearly every night I've tucked her in bed, I have told her a *different* story from my childhood. Often, I find I struggle to retrieve a

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"Daddy, tell me a story!"

... a journey of discovery

Read more about this in today's **FOR YOUR HEALTH** column.

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Chiropractic Care

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Posture...

Considering school is now in full swing, this is a perfect time to discuss posture. The spine is quite flexible; it allows the agile movement of the body. It supports the body and all of its organs, and also protects the spinal cord and nerves. Every activity, even breathing, demands movement of the spine, ribs, and attachments.

A benefit of good posture is efficiency and comfort. Due to the interrelationship of the bones and organs, poor posture can impact health. For example, when someone slouches or hunches their shoulders constantly, this position compromises the movements of the rib cage and does not allow the lungs to function at maximum efficiency in order to bring much-needed oxygen to the tissues and eliminate carbon dioxide wastes. Other vital organs of the body are also restricted with poor posture, producing structural stress.

Chiropractic care looks at the whole person: the body's structure, muscles, and neurological components. Emphasis is aimed at maintaining sound body mechanics and good posture. Many postural faults can be helped with treatment. If not corrected, poor posture can affect the health and well-being of a person throughout their life.

Poor posture contributes to shallow breathing,

cramped chest, poor digestion and elimination, and poor circulation. Poor posture also accelerates degeneration of the spine, joints, and discs. Lack of energy and reduced coordination are just two of many symptoms of a body that is not functioning efficiently.

Some causes of poor posture include:

- * Birth defects.
- * Visual problems.
- * Excessive weight.
- * Foot problems or improper shoes.
- * Muscle imbalance.
- * Poor sleep, poor mattress.
- * Injury.
- * Occupational stress.
- * Emotional problems.
- * Poor nutrition.
- * Negative physical/mental attitude.

Some benefits of correct posture include:

- * Improved health.
- * Improved appearance.
- * Improved coordination.
- * Increased strength.
- * Increased stamina.
- * Clothes fit better.
- * Confidence
- * Better body balance and agility.
- * Reduced possibility of injury.
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If you have any questions regarding your posture or a family member's, contact our office today.

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.

Support Group Sponsored By NAMI-WM

On the last Monday of each month, a support group sponsored by the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Western Massachusetts is held at the Agawam Council On Aging, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Groups sponsored by the NAMI-WM are facilitated by persons who have had years of experience with mental illness, either directly or as family members of an ill person. At most meetings, there will be people present who have varying degrees of experience and

knowledge about mental illness. Others have only recently faced the problems created by mental illness.

The support group meetings are intended to supply emotional support and information. Discussions are honest and open, but no one is expected to talk about anything he or she would rather not discuss. *Everything said at these meetings is kept confidential.*

If you are interested in joining and would like to receive more information about the support group, please contact Lucille Drewnowski at 786-1236.

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Support Groups At Noble Hospital

The **Diabetes Support Group** will hold a meeting on Tuesday, September 26th, from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., titled: "Supermarket Survival Tour" with Jennifer Giffune, M.S., R. D., Clinical Dietitian.

Please meet at the Super-Food Mart on East Main Street in Westfield by the Customer Service counter. You may want to wear comfortable shoes.

For further information, call 572-5178.

The **Stroke Support Group** meets on the second Tuesday of every month from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the Bronson Rehabilitation Center at Noble Hospital.

This meeting is free of charge and is open to all stroke patients and their support persons.

Back to School for **Better Breathers**, for individuals with lung disease and experiencing shortness of breath, will be every Wednesday and Friday in September and in October from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Cardiopulmonary Classroom on the third floor at Noble Hospital.

Topics and speakers will vary at each session.

The **Caregivers Support Group** will meet on the second and last Wednesday of every month (which is sponsored by the Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services) from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

This group is for individuals caring for someone with a life-threatening illness.

For more information, call Kim Cressotti, R. N. at 413-562-7049.

The **Bereavement Group** will meet every Wednesday (except the last Wednesday of the month).

This meeting is sponsored by the Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and run until 7:30 p.m. in the Bronson Music Room at the Noble Hospital.

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story. I find it real helpful when she gives me a topic of interest to her, like "Tell me about a time you went ice skating." As if a magic button were pushed, three stories come to mind.

Of course, I can't repeat a story unless she invites a favorite. And no part of a story can change from one telling to the next, or she'll make sure I know it! She seems to have them all neatly filed away and can recall any part of a story at any particular time.

What makes it so possible for her to remember every detail and for me to struggle recalling details from a time so familiar in its day? I guess I must have filed them away, too, because to my surprise, I am remembering! Many times I bump into really painful memories and wished I had erased the files or thrown them away. Perhaps I am not alone in feeling this way? Maybe you, too, wish you didn't or couldn't remember an experience. Often, the trauma persists in the memory (not fading or going away as we might like).

There are so many trigger points: smells, photographs, certain lyrics or melodies, chance meetings with someone from your past, and many more. How do you care for yourself during these important times?

What if your little boy or girl inside you were to say, "Tell the story! I need you to remember the details and tell the real story!" Can you risk what this presents to you? And what about the impact telling the real story would have on your birth family, especially if your version goes counter to the family version?

Getting at and honoring your truest - *most authentic* - story can be very frightening, even subversive, yet can be very liberating. Perhaps the value of caring for our memories is closely tied to how well we care for our-self. **The complexity of remembering and telling.**

Dan Pender, MA, MFT, has a private practice as a Marriage & Family Therapist, specializing in individual, couple, and family relationships. He is a Clinical member of the American Association of Marriage & Family Therapy. He can be reached by e-mail at dpmft449@aol.com or P.O. Box 449, Agawam, MA 01001 or by phone at (413) 789-4460.

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The group offers information on topics of interest to people with cancer, and provides an opportunity to share experiences in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Meetings are facilitated by Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., of Mercy Hospital's Pastoral Care Department.

A break-out group, designed specifically for those who have lost a loved one to cancer, meets on the first Monday of the month. A break-out group for caregivers, meets on the second Monday of the month.

Private sessions are also available for young people who have a parent with cancer.

Please call the Pastoral Care Department, (413) 748-9453, for more information.

Mercy Hospital is a member of the Sisters of Providence Health System (SPHS). The SPHS's member organizations provide hospital and ambulatory care, rehabilitation, behavioral health services, nursing home care, retirement living, employee health services, home care, and more.

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For more information, please call Judy at (413) 594-7674.

Smoking Cessation Support Group At Mercy Hospital

A support group for persons interested in quitting smoking meets Mondays, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the fifth floor conference room at Mercy Hospital, 271 Carew St.

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SENIOR GYMNASTICS TEAM MEMBERS from New England Dance & Gymnastics Centers are seen with instructor Loree Cloud at the State Systems National Talent Competition where it finished big in the prestigious competition.

New England Dance & Gymnastics Centers Capture Top Honors

New England Dance & Gymnastics Centers, well-known for its recreational dance program, also boasts one of the top winning competition programs in the country.

Dance Company members just completed another stellar year, finishing big at two of the most prestigious and well-attended dance competitions in the United States: the United States Tournament of Dance (USTD) and Star Systems National Talent Competition.

At USTD, 14 year-old Senior Company dancer Tera McHenry won the title of Junior Miss Dance of the United States, making her the top dancer of her age in the entire country. Also in the spotlight was the Acrobatic Quartet, dazzling the audience and judges to "This is the Moment."

It was, indeed, the moment for dancers Tera McHenry, Becky Gawron, Ashley Means, and Hayley Cloud, as they were crowned for not only winning the entire 11 and under group's division, but also the coveted "Diamond Award" for supreme performance.

Topping off the competition was high-flying 10 year-old Hayley Cloud, taking the Top Soloist Award for all dancers aged 11 and under.

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Irish Culture To Be Honored At Big E 2000

"The culture and history of Ireland are reflected in several events and activities scheduled during Big E 2000, which runs through October 1st.

Guest exhibitors from Ireland's Dingle Peninsula are featured at Big E 2000. Their display, **A Visit to the Emerald Isle**, offers handmade crafts and gift items. The exhibit is housed in a replica of an authentic Irish cottage, built specifically for The Big E by its Operations Crew. Complete, with a thatched roof and genuine Irish lace curtains, the cottage has several rooms filled with Celtic jewelry, linen products, crystal, needlepoint, and traditional Irish music.

Author Cole Moreton will appear on September 24th to sign copies of his book, *Hungry for Home; Leaving the Blaskets: A Journey from the Edge of Ireland*. Moreton's book, his first, traces the true story of the Kearney family and its journey from Ireland's Great Blasket island to the Hungry Hill neighborhood of Springfield, Massachusetts.

Hungry for Home recalls the events that led to the abandonment of the island, and tells the stories of the surviving islanders as well as the Kearney family members; those who traveled to a new life in America, and those who stayed behind.

The book manages to combine factual storytelling with travel writing, as he details the family's history while retracing their footsteps across Ireland and up the East Coast of America to Hungry Hill.

It also offers insight into the fragility and elusiveness of our notions of "home." The book signing, which coincides with Gaelic Ireland Day at Big E 2000, will be held in the Young Building at the Irish exhibit and copies of the book will be available.

Other Gaelic Ireland Day presentations include "A Taste of Ireland" in the Harvest New England Demonstration Kitchen, and a performance by the Claddagh School of Irish Dance at 9:00 p.m. in the New England Center.

For more information on Big E 2000, call 737-2443 or visit our web site at www.thebige.com.

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MICHELLE STRATTNER WAS NAMED Mini Miss Superstar 2000 in the Star Systems National Talent Competition held recently in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, where she represented New England Dance & Gymnastics Centers. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Haley Cloud garnered top honors, winning Jr. Miss Superstar 2000 and Top Overall Soloist.

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The hard-charging company dancers next headed to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, where over 5,000 dancers gathered to compete in the Star Systems National Talent Competition.

After winning the Regional competitions, dancers from New York, Atlanta, Nashville, Los Angeles, Ottawa, Montreal, and other dance hotbeds came prepared to bring home gold.

But when the competition was over, the town on everyone's lips was Westfield, Massachusetts.

Dancer Hayley Cloud once again garnered top honors, winning the crown for Junior Miss Superstar 2000 and the \$700 award for Top Overall Soloist. Hayley teamed up with Senior Company star Tera McHenry in an electrifying duet to win the \$700 Small Groups division.

Proving great things do come in small packages, seven year-old Michelle Strattner captured both the hearts of the crowd and the title of Mini Miss



Superstar in an acro routine that had the audience on their feet.

And to cap another fantastic competition year, Top Group Honors from thousands of competing dancers went to the Senior Gymnastics Company, earning them \$1,000 in winnings and the honor of dancing on national TV this winter.

Director Loree Cloud noted, "The students worked these routines hard all year, setting their sights on these two major competitions, and the teaching staff and parents could not be more proud of them. It was a fantastic end to a great year!"

New England Dance & Gymnastics Centers has two facilities in Westfield and in Simsbury, Connecticut, with beginner, intermediate, and advanced classes for students aged two to 92.

They offer children's classes in Ballet, Tap, Pointe, Jazz/Gymnastics, Tumbling, Irish Step Dancing, Lyrical, Terrific Two's, Kinderdance, and adult classes in Irish Step Dancing, Ballroom, and Jazzercise.

ACC Grant Funds Are Now Available

The Agawam Cultural Council (ACC) was recently notified of its allocation of state funding in the amount of \$17,575. Additional funds totaling \$4,260 were awarded as a result of matching funds tied to program fundraising.

The ACC, which is comprised of 12 local volunteers, will be responsible to re-grant the total this fall to area individuals and organizations who can demonstrate community benefit in the areas of the arts, humanities, or interpretive sciences. Past grant awards have been utilized to fund art exhibits, school

field trips, concerts, and a wide variety of other programs.

An informational meeting will be held on Monday, October 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. at the town library. Persons interested in volunteering are also encouraged to attend. Grant applications can be obtained at the town library or town hall or at www.massculturalcouncil.org and must be postmarked by October 16, 2000.

Additional information can also be obtained at the local organization's web site at www.agawamcc.org.

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Let's Talk About Wine...

I know that you will be shocked when I tell you that there are wine snobs. You're surprised? Don't be. Often I am asked, "What is your favorite wine?" I politely answer, "Why, the one I am drinking now."

There was a rule of thumb that went as follows: when dining on fish or chicken, white wine; on red meats, of course, red. Today, we say drink what you want with whatever you're having. Drink what tastes good for you.

Is there a reason for the rule of thumb? Yes! The wines will match up better. I prefer to match the wines with the food, but I do not have a hard and fast rule to this. I once heard a wine snob on the radio say that who would ever think of drinking White Zinfandel? Well, he might be surprised to know that more people drink White Zin than anything else.

The most important thing is that you take the time to smell the wine once it's in your glass because your sense of smell will add to your enjoyment. Take a small sip of the wine next, and swirl it around in your mouth and allow the flavors to come out.

Do this with all wines - red, white, blush, and even cheap wines. Just because a wine doesn't have an expensive price tag doesn't mean you can't find a diamond in the rough.

Experiment and try different wines. We tend to sit in a rut at times and order the same old thing all the time. Be adventurous. Everybody buys Chardonnays, Merlots, and Cabernets. Step out and try a Reisling, Syrah, or Pinot Noir.

Remember, the doctors all say have a glass of wine every day. It's good for you.

In some upcoming articles, I will go over some wine choices for you and describe them to you. Visit my website, www.foodduderadio.com, for recipes and much more. Remember, it is not what you're eating or drinking; it's whom you're with.

This is the "Food Dude." Until next week, I'll be talking to you on the radio.

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DANCERS FROM THE MARY ANN STUDIO OF DANCE take a break from tapping at Macy's Annual "Tap-O-Mania" event in New York City. IN RIGHT PHOTO: April Mosher (center front) shows off her tap dancing style at Macy's "Tap-O-Mania" event in New York City.

Mary Ann Dancers Perform In Streets Of New York City

Students and staff from the Mary Ann Dance Studio were found dancing in the streets of New York City.

The Mary Ann Dancers went to New York City to participate in Macy's "Tap-O-Mania," an annual special event sponsored by the store.

Each year, Macy's sponsors the "Tap-O-Mania" event to try and break its record in the Guinness Book of World Records for the "largest assembly of tap dancers to perform a single routine."

And where did these 4,800 tappers perform? Well, right in front of Macy's in the middle of 34th Street, of course! The enthusiastic tappers grooved to Latin and Jazz riffs, dancing to the popular song "You've Got A Friend In Me."

This year's event featured a new choreographer - tap master A. C. Ciulla, who choreographed the dances for Broadway's "Footloose."

When the dancing was over, the Mary Ann Dancers

took time out to enjoy New York City, seeing the sights, doing a little shopping, and even took a carriage ride through Central Park.

As for "Tap-O-Mania" ... well, even with the help of the Mary Ann Dancers coming all the way from Massachusetts, Macy's didn't break its past record. But, rest assured, the Mary Ann Dancers are already planning to be dancing in the streets of New York City when Macy's holds this special event again next summer.

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Agawam Cultural Council Offers Trip To NYC

The Agawam Cultural Council will sponsor a "plan your own" trip to New York City on Saturday, November 18th. Several stops will be made along Fifth Avenue for the convenience of those attending.

Tickets may be obtained by sending a check made out to the "Agawam Cultural Council." Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Agawam Cultural Council, 933 River Road, Agawam, MA 01001. The cost of the trip will be \$21.

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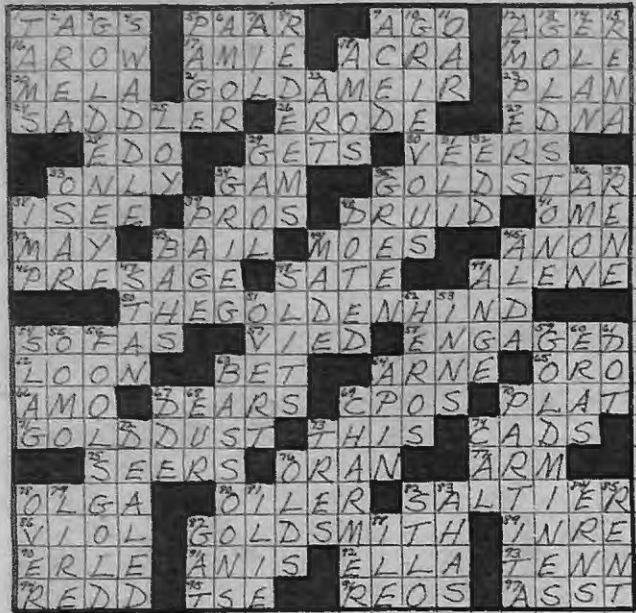
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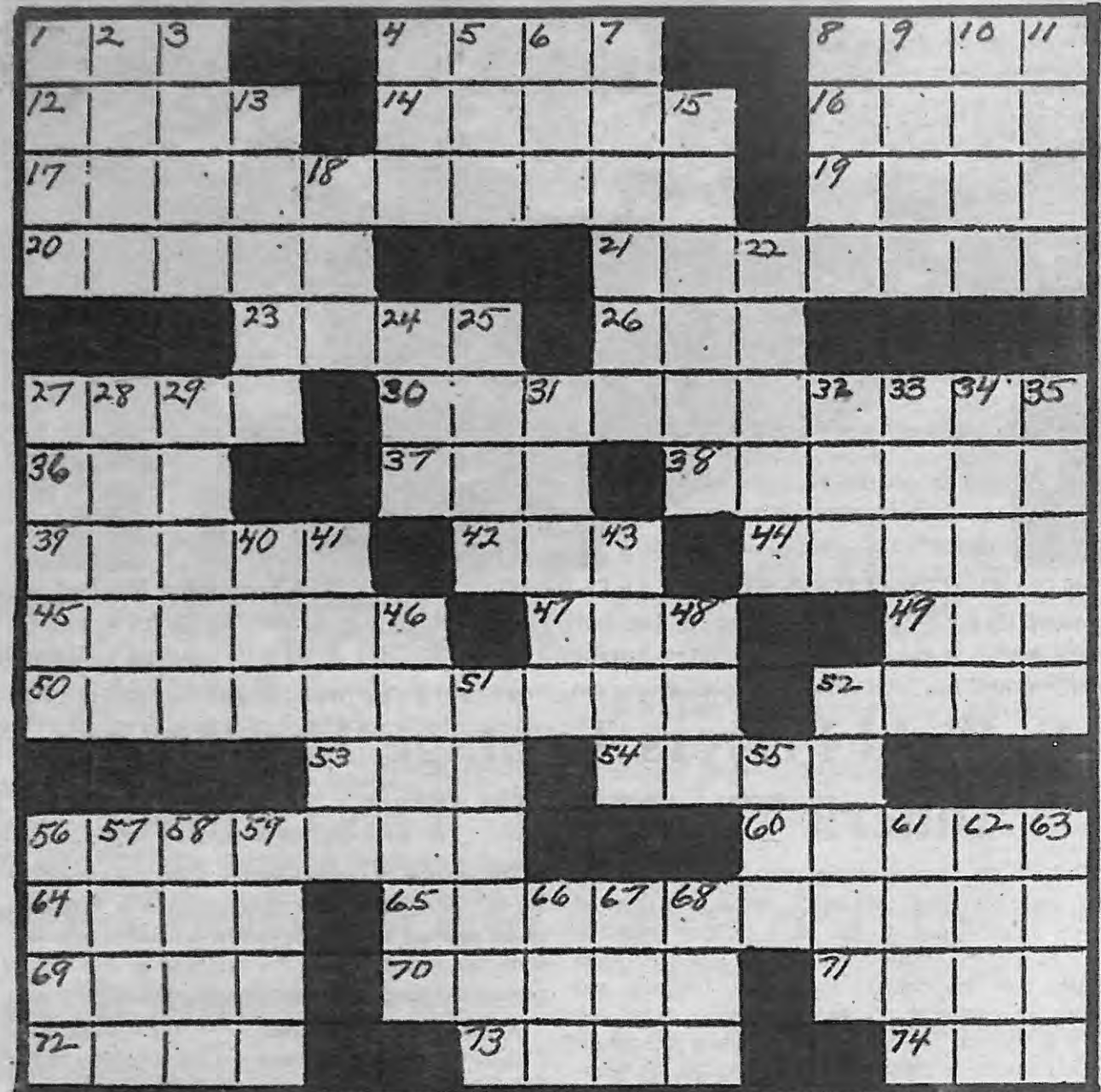
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Agawam Represented At Mattoon Street Arts Festival



THE ANNUAL MATTOON STREET ARTS FESTIVAL was held on September 8th and 9th in Springfield and there was an Agawam flavor present. IN LEFT PHOTO: Claudine Bouchard Collins, an AHS graduate, displayed some of her creations that included the technique of etched metal leaf over wood (on boxes, plates, mirrors, etc.). IN RIGHT PHOTO: Agawam's Donna Fleury helped out her friend, Bette-Jo Clark, sell handpainted umbrella's. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

Suffield Players To Stage The Drama "Inherit The Wind" This October

Suffield: It's a philosophical and moral debate that has raged for ages, and which came to a head in Dayton, Tennessee in the 1925 Scopes "monkey trial," as Clarence Darrow and William Jennings Bryan battled over the right to teach both Genesis and Darwinian evolution on an even plane. Now, the Suffield Players' "Inherit The Wind" places you right in the courtroom, as these two legal giants put the questions of just what we are, and what we are becoming, on trial.

This tense and very human production deals not only with these lofty questions, but also with the daily lives of those who went through the conflicts as this real-life drama played itself out. Steve Mangine directs a cast of 25, many of whose younger members are students at Springfield's Drama Studio.

The issues presented in this historical recreation are not far different than those that are so hotly contested today, with the specters of human cloning, stem cell research, and the mapping of the human genome swirling on our evolutionary horizon.

Show dates are October 12th, 13th, 14th, 20th, 21st, 27th, and 28th, so reserve your tickets by calling 1-800-289-6148. Doors open at 7:00 p.m., with curtain promptly at 8:00 p.m., at historic Mapleton Hall in Suffield.

Tickets are just \$8 for the first Thursday, and \$12 all other nights, with discounts for seniors and students with proper I.D. So join the Players for a night of tense courtroom drama, and decide how you would have voted.

If you visit the Advertiser News' new office at 23 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills (above Remillard Insurance), please note that our main entrance is in the back. Please park on the side of the building and use the back entrance. Thank you...

Encore Players To Open 25th Season With "Plaza Suite"

Among the cast members of "Plaza Suite" - which is the Encore Players' 25th season-opener - are Paul Rothenberg of Amherst and Angelina Ekenbarger of Suffield, Connecticut.

The show is a Neil Simon suite of three plays, a comedy ensemble which is "richly funny" (N.Y. Post) and will delight Springfield audiences as it did New York audiences. The show will be presented on the auditorium stage at the Olympus Specialty Hospital, 1400 State Street, Springfield (diagonally across from Mass Mutual).

Performances will be held on September 29th, 30th, October 1st, 6th, 7th, and 8th.

Curtain is at 8:00 p.m., except for the Sunday matinees at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the door for \$10 to \$12. Season subscriptions are available.

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THE TEACHERS' MENTORING PROGRAM began for the 2000-2001 academic year with the Third Annual New Teachers' Orientation held on August 31st. Back row: Dan Early (mentor teacher), Kathy Kida (new teacher), Jim Joyce (new teacher), Lou Conte (new athletic director for the Agawam Schools), Kathleen McSweeney (new deputy principal at the High School), and High School Principal Paul Cavallo. Front row: Mayor Richard A. Cohen, Kathleen Cassanelli (new teacher), Jeanne Forgette (mentor teacher), Sue Federico (mentor teacher), Beverly Weil (new teacher), and Patricia Urban (new teacher). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Mentoring Program Enters Second Year In Agawam School System

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

During the 1998-99 school year, there were 35 staff members from the Agawam School System who received training as mentors. In May of 1999, mentor applications were sent to those staff members with a letter, urging them to re-apply for the 1999-2000 school year.

The Third Annual New Teachers' Orientation, held on August 31st, welcomed 30 teachers to the Agawam schools and to the Mentoring Program.

Mentors are matched with new teachers based on such criterion as:

- * A match in grade level and teaching area with the beginning teacher being mentored.
- * Proximity of location within same building.
- * Commitment to the mentoring process and proven ability to work with colleagues.
- * Similarity of teaching philosophy.
- * Professional qualities which will enhance the mentor program.

Originally, Lorraine Alves, a former math teacher at Agawam High School, coordinated the mentoring program; but about six months after the program's incep-

tion, Alves left the Agawam School System and went to Chicopee's School System. Junior High teacher Gail Dion took over as Mentor Program Coordinator, working closely with Assistant Superintendent Mary Czajkowski.

Mrs. Dion talked with us and explained, "Statistically, a large number of beginning teachers leave. The idea of mentoring is to increase retention of new teachers and to help them to assimilate into the job much more quickly and easily."

A new teacher is paired with a "veteran" teacher who teaches in the same school, at the same grade level, or in the same subject area. Mrs. Dion said, "The 'veteran' teacher helps the new teacher in the beginning exercises of school, routine curriculum, and generally serves as someone the newer teacher can contact whenever a concern arises."

Kathleen Cassanelli recently began teaching seventh-grade English and appreciates the mentoring program. She told us, "My mentor, Mrs. Terry Ciamatori, has been a life-saver for me. My kids went

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At Lower Pioneer Valley Collaborative...

Career & Technical Education Ctr. Earns National Certification

James M. Laverty, Director of Occupational Education for the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative, is pleased to announce that the automotive training program at the Career and Technical Education Center recently received certification by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) and the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence.

"During the past several months, we have worked closely with NATEF to make certain that our program would meet strict industry standards," says Laverty. "Now we are delighted to join the ranks of ASE certified technician training programs. Students will be assured of a quality education, and shop owners will be assured of getting quality job applicants."

In order to achieve this coveted recognition, the training program underwent rigorous evaluation by NATEF. Nationally accepted standards of excellence in areas such as instruction, facilities, and equipment were used.

Upon completion of the evaluation, NATEF recommended that Career TEC be certified by ASE, a national, non-profit organization which tests and certifies repair technicians in addition to certifying technician training programs.

Certification has been awarded to Career TEC's automotive program in the following program areas:

BRAKES, ENGINE PERFORMANCE, ELECTRICAL/ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, SUSPENSION, and STEERING.

NATEF Board of Trustees Chair Dr. Roy Peters, Jr., states, "This is great news for automotive-minded young people and their parents in the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative service area. Certification of automotive training programs increases cooperation between local education and industry technicians."

He went on to remark, "It also gives added assurance that Career TEC graduates will be employable, entry-level technicians. As a result, the motoring public will benefit since more qualified technicians will join the work force."

This program is now certified for a period of five years, after which it will be reviewed to ensure that it continues to meet industry standards and to adjust to the latest technological advances in the rapidly-changing automotive world.

For additional information, contact Laverty at (413) 593-5586.

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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS Mary Czajkowski (left) and Junior High teacher Gail Dion head up the successful Teachers' Mentoring Program for the Agawam School System. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Agawam High School Guidance Bulletin

SCHOLARSHIPS: See your counselor for more information or an application.

The following colleges are offering scholarships to qualified students who enroll there:

Brandeis University Academic Scholarships.
Washington University of St. Louis.
University of Richmond.

OPEN HOUSES: See your counselor for information on the following open houses:

Lebanon Valley College (PA): October 28th or November 11th.

Westfield State College Department of Music Auditions: October 25th, November 15th, January 31st.

Cazenovia College: September 30th.

University of Maine: October 16th, November 13th.

Trinity College (Hartford, CT): Preview weekend for students of color.

Georgetown University School of Nursing and Health Studies: October 7th.

Hobart and William Smith Colleges: October 28th, November 11th.

St. Joseph College (CT): October 1st, November 10th.

Rochester Institute of Technology: October 21st.

Bridgewater of Virginia: September 30th, November 11th, January 13th.

Worcester State College: October 21st, November 18th, December 9th.

Juniata College: October 9th, October 23rd.

SENIORS: SAT applications for the November 4th test must be mailed by September 29th.

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to school here and I knew many of the people in the school, but there still have been many times when being able to turn to Mrs. Ciamatori has been an enormous relief for me. For the people teaching for the first time, the Mentoring Program must be an enormous help."

Mrs. Dion also said that the program includes workshops every month for the new teachers on various topics, such as student motivation, grading, or becoming familiar with services within the system.

"When we become aware of upcoming openings due to retirement," Mrs. Dion said, "I send a letter out to teachers asking for a mentor. No one has refused to be a mentor. They all have been very good about taking part in the program. And it gives more confidence to a new teacher by having someone show them the ropes or answer their questions."

Mrs. Cassanelli said that her mentor has helped immensely in making her feel comfortable in this new situation.

Results Of A Survey...

Results of a survey provided by the Department of Education showed positive results, according to Mrs. Dion. "Funding proposed at the state level was rejected, but when Goals 2000 monies became available again, we were able to receive grants for the last three years through that source. This year, the grant also focuses on the recruitment of teachers because the state is expecting a period of teacher shortage and is anxious to develop new recruitment techniques to attract new teachers."

Mrs. Dion will also work on the recruitment aspect. Teachers trained 35 mentors during 1998-1999, and a similar training process will be provided for those who volunteer as mentors for the 1999-2000 school year.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation...

Each mentor is eligible for professional development points which can be used toward recertification, and there will be a monetary stipend for each mentor as well.

The New Teacher Orientation included introductions, remarks by Superintendent Frank Ameruso, and Mayor Richard A. Cohen; new teacher information by Ann Phillips, Ameruso's executive secretary; a discussion of the mentor program by Assistant Superintendent Mary Czajkowski and Mrs. Dion; and some words from the Agawam Education Association by Andrew Bower and Judi Lech.

Lunch followed at Brookside Restaurant on Route 57 in Southwick. Several members of the School Committee were present for this orientation to welcome the new teachers as well.

The new teachers this year are Joseph Bianca (High School), Niels Cudnohufsky (High School), Mark Dorval (High School), Victor Grechka (High School), Anne McKenzie (High School), Elaine Mokrycki (High School), Cheryl Pasternak (High School), Jennifer Perkins (High School), Michael Simpson (High School), Dina Trovato (High School), Lori Rahilly-Weyant (High School), Beverly Weil (High School/Junior High), Kathleen Cassanelli (Junior High), Erin Fahey (Junior High), Jim Joyce (Junior High), Pamela Petschke (Junior High), Vicky Stacey (Junior High), Cynthia Campana (Middle School), Janet Rousseau (Middle School), Susan Smith (Middle School), Gisele Sotolotto (Middle School), Debra Tierney (Middle School), Patricia Urban (Middle School), Donna Carter (Clark School), Karen Stanton (Clark School), Amber Waters (Clark/Granger Schools), Diane Gendron (Phelps School), Jennifer Dold (Robinson Park School), Kathleen Kida (Robinson Park School), and Arlene Willett (Robinson Park School).

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From The AHS Guidance Office...

by Judy Cohen
Agawam High School
Guidance Counselor

Why Do I Act The Way I Do?

A while ago, a young lady came into my office. "Mrs. Cohen, why do I do the things I do? I just don't understand it. My mother is so nice to me, works hard to give me so many things, and I just end up doing crazy things, yelling at her, and getting into trouble."

Mary was visibly upset. I told her to take a deep breath, and then to tell me a little bit about her family. From conversation, I learned that both parents had remarried and that she lived with her mother and stepdad. She felt she enjoyed a nice relationship with them, but still, she seemed to fly off the handle so easily and "get in their faces" all the time. Next, she talked about her dad and stepmother. Here, there seemed to be a problem. Yes, both were nice and treated her okay, although she never has gotten that close to her stepmother and feels that her stepmother finds fault with her all the time. As she spoke, her eyes filled with tears and I realized from watching her that I now had come to the root of the problem.

Talking further, she explained that she does visit both homes, but does not feel she has a real relationship with her stepmother. "Do you tell Dad how you feel?" I asked. "No. I mean, I wouldn't want to hurt his feelings; he obviously loves my stepmother." I went on to tell her that she would not be hurting his feelings; instead, she would be sharing with him how she felt. Then Dad would listen and respond and no doubt dispel some of her thoughts.

She continued by telling me that she particularly acts out after she has left her father's house and has returned to her mother's house. "Yes, Mary, I'm sure you do. I mean, you have allowed yourself to get upset at your dad's house, have not vented your anger there for fear of upsetting him, so now you have

brought home that anger and are redirecting it toward your mother. Does that make sense to you?" She pondered this for a moment and then shook her head slowly, agreeing with my explanation.

I told her, too, that she probably acts out in other ways, getting into trouble and saying things without thinking because she is so upset and has to get those feelings out somehow. "Well, Mrs. Cohen, what can I do about this?" Looking at her and smiling, I answered, "Mary, now that you know what the problem is, you can fix it. What you have to do is share your feelings with dad and your stepmother. You know, I bet your stepmother feels your stiffness and does not allow herself to get that close to you either. Perhaps she is really not finding fault with you, but rather she is making suggestions; yet, you are perceiving her suggestions as negatives. Move in a little, share a little, and she will start opening up to you, too. Once you both develop a little give-and-take, the air should clear, no one will be walking on eggs, and you should start feeling better. Then, when you leave Dad's house, you won't be carrying any negative feelings with you to your mom's house."

"Mary, it is hard to go from one house to another. There are different personalities, different rules, and other different things that you must adjust to once you enter; however, with communicating, I am sure you will be able to handle it."

Mary did look relieved. She said, "Thanks. Now I understand myself a little more. I'm really not a bad person; I just have to let myself feel and share those feelings."

How many times do we all say something to people that we don't mean? We come home from an appointment, work, or a meeting frustrated and upset. We have to vent somehow, and we choose those who are closest to us to do that. Those people are just innocent bystanders, yet we project our anger on them - probably because we feel safe with them. When we do that, we should stop, apologize, and tell them that we've had a rough day and it's not their fault that we're upset. By sharing how we feel, we will be able to dispel our anger and allow others to understand. Then, too, we will begin to understand our own actions better and be able to handle them better.

News From The Agawam Jr. High School PTO

Our welcome back night on Monday, September 11th, went very well. Thanks to all the seventh- and eighth-grade parents who attended.

Just a reminder ... our first PTO meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 25th, at 7:30 p.m. Please come and discuss new ideas and ways to make this a better year for all of our children.

We still need to fill two vacant seats on the school council. Anyone interested, please contact Deborah Struck, 786-6760, or Laurie Albano, 789-4276. You may also call the Jr. High School and speak to the secretaries; they would be glad to help you.

For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice prior to your event. Thank you for your cooperation...

Stephanie Goyette Is A "Commended Scholar"

Stephanie Goyette of Feeding Hills was among five MacDuffie seniors who recently received national qualification as commended scholars for their high scores in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

She is a student of many Honors and Advanced Placement courses, excelling in languages in particular.

If you have dropped off any photos to our office for Boy Scout activities, church events, etc., please pick them up after they appear in The AAN...

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September Events At Agawam High

September 23rd-24th: AFS parking at the Middle School for The Big E.

September 23rd: Sixth Annual Berkshire Power Golf Tournament to benefit AHS athletes (at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course at 8:00 a.m.).

September 26th: Breakfast at AHS sponsored by the senior class (6:50 - 7:15 a.m.); Anger Management meeting sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program.

September 27th: Girls' Wednesday Morning Discussion Group sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program; Family Resource Group meeting sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program; AGAWAM DAY AT THE BIG E (AHS band and cheerleaders performing in front of the Massachusetts Building at 3:30 p.m. and on the Storowton Green at 4:00 p.m.); Peer Institute Homecoming Meeting - "Bringing the Message of the 2000 Peer Institute Back Home" (after school in Room 44).

September 28th: MAKING HIGH SCHOOL COUNT - two sessions for freshman (10:00 - 10:45 a.m. and 12:06 - 1:06 p.m.) sponsored by the Guidance Department; School Improvement Council Meeting, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

September 29th: Open Discussion Group sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program; Deadline for signing up for the November 4th SAT test.

September 30th: Renaissance gold and gold plus card distribution.

September 30-October 1st: AFS parking at the Middle School for The Big E.

In 1999, she won the Xerox Award in Humanities/Social Sciences and became an elected member of Cum Laude. She also is an outstanding field hockey, volleyball, and lacrosse player.

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Pack 77 Enjoys Weekend Of Family Camping

Pack 77 planned a weekend of family camping for August 11th-13th at Barton's Cove.

Friday was a beautiful afternoon to set up tents, organize the campsite, and plan the weekend activities.

But by supper time of grill your own, signs (rain-drops) were appearing that there might be some adjustments in the weekend plans.

"Abandon campsite" was not on the original agenda, but the now-downpouring rains had woodchips floating two to three inches around the campsite. With tents leaking top and/or bottom, there was no chance but to wade to the cars and head home for the night.

Three tents actually stayed waterproof, and those families braved the night.

Saturday morning arrived sunny and clear with campers returning to inspect the damage (a little wet but not too bad). While breakfast was cooked and plans adjusted, tents were aired out and sleeping bags were hung to dry. The campout was on!

Saturday was a busy day with a hike to view the eagle's nest and some dinosaur footprints, a little fishing, whiffle ball and ultimate, and some book review with Troop 77.

The boy scouts from the troop came for part of the afternoon and went over some wolf, bear, and webelos requirements for the boys.

Supper was a group gathering with everyone pitching in to prepare a delicious turkey and ham dinner with plenty of fixings.

Finally, campfire time. Having no campfire the night before, the boys didn't want to waste a minute. With adults in the background, the boys gathered around the fire and practiced telling ghost stories and campfire tales, and toasted marshmallows, of course.

Sunday morning was breakfast and breaking up



PACK 77 SCOUTS and siblings enjoy dinner at a weekend of family camping held August 11th-13th at Barton's Cove.

camp. Tents were taken down, and the cars were loaded with the gear. It was a memorable weekend for the Pack 77 campers.

If you are interested in joining Pack 77 (boys grade one through five), there's still time. Please call Bob (786-0749) or Ed (789-3587) or Kathy (789-1377).

We have our first pack meeting Wednesday, October 4th; our bottle drive/car wash on Saturday, October 7th; fall camping at Moses on October 13th-15th; and our Pumpkin-Pack meeting Saturday, October 28th. Also, the Scout Popcorn Sale is going on now through October.

Regular School Committee Meeting Agenda, Tues., Sept. 26th

1. Call to Order.
2. Moment of Silence.
3. Citizens' Speak Time.
4. Roll Call of Attendance.
5. Superintendent's Notes.
6. Highlights on Education:
Introduction of New Teachers.
7. Old Business:
 - a. SCR00-24- Petition for Funding of a Full-Time Nurse at the Early Childhood Center.

- b. Approval of Contract for Special Education Legal Services.
8. Business Meeting.
 - a. Routine Matters.
 - 1) Approval of Minutes.
 - 2) Calendar/Correspondence.
 - b. Warrants/Transfers.
 - c. Reports:
 1. Explanation for Payment of Legal Expenses - M. Ponti.

2. Responses to S.C. Inquiries - M. Ponti.
3. HS Accreditation - P. Cavallo.
4. Goal & Objectives - T. Kozloski.
9. New Business:
Superintendent's Evaluation.
Instrument.
10. Any other action which may legally come before the Committee.
11. Adjournment.

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Programs At The Agawam Public Library

"MISS SPIDER'S TEA PARTY"

The Agawam Public Library will be holding a kids' program called "Miss Spider's Tea Party" on Saturday, September 23rd, from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Preschoolers and their families are invited to a storybook tea party inspired by David Kirk's "Miss Spider" books. Stories and refreshments will be served.

Please pre-register in person or by phone at 789-1550 by Friday, September 22nd.

"COCKA DOODLE-MOO"

On Monday, September 25th, the Agawam Public Library will be holding a kids' program called "Cocka Doodle-Moo" at 6:30 p.m. until 7:15 p.m.

Stories and activities, with plenty of action, will highlight this imaginary trip to a farm. Snacks will round out the rural atmosphere.

Preschoolers and their families can register until Friday, September 22nd, in person or by phone at 789-1550.

HARRY POTTER CLUB MEETING

The Agawam Public Library will be the meeting place for the Harry Potter Club on Tuesday, September 26th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Club members are invited to share some fun

inspired by the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry and to see what's new in the world of Harry Potter.

Kids who have independently read at least one of the Harry Potter books are eligible to join the club.

Call 789-1550 or register in person by September 25th.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM LINE-UP

The Agawam Public Library staff is now taking registrations for morning preschool programs, and the sessions will begin on the following dates:

* Monday, October 2nd, from 10:00 - 12:00 noon: Toddler Playtime for ages 18 to 30 months (no older siblings, please).

* Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, October 3rd, 4th, and 5th, from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.: Family Preschool Story/Craft program for ages 2-1/2 to five years of age. Funtime with library toys follows from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Parents may choose one of these three days to attend, and weekly sessions will continue through the end of the month.

Registration is necessary for all of the programs. To preregister, call the library at 789-1550 or sign up in person.

During His Study Abroad In England...

Geoffrey Biebel Named To Richmond College Dean's List

Geoffrey Biebel has attained Dean's List honors with a 3.5 grade point average for his study abroad during the spring 2000 semester at Richmond College, The American International University in London, England.

Geoffrey is a senior majoring in criminal justice at Stonehill College in Easton, MA.

He is a 1997 graduate of Agawam High School and the son of Bill & Diane Biebel of Feeding Hills.

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Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, September 25th: Personal round pepperoni-topped pizza, tossed garden salad w/spinach greens and Italian dressing, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Tuesday, September 26th: Super taco boat w/cheese topping, niblets, apple-sauce, orange blossom cake w/icing, milk.

Wednesday, September 27th: Rotini w/meat sauce, Italian bread & butter, creamy cole slaw, chilled pears or raspberry Jello w/topping, milk.

Thursday, September 28th: Roast turkey w/creamy gravy or whipped potatoes, dinner roll, seasoned carrot coins, chocolate cake w/icing, milk.

Friday, September 29th: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, oven potato rounds w/catsup, ice cream cup or peaches in syrup, milk.

Note: Lunch prices will remain the same as last year. Elementary, \$1.20; Middle School, \$1.30; Junior and Senior High, \$1.50. A la carte milk will be 35 cents. Kindergarten milk and snack per week: \$2.00. Tickets will be sold on Mondays in all elementary schools. Checks will be accepted, made payable to the Agawam School Lunch Program.

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IEP Informational Meeting At AHS On Tuesday, Oct. 3rd

Michael Ponti, Director of Special Services, has announced that the Agawam School District will offer an informational session to help provide you with a better understanding of IEP 2000.

The meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 3rd, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Agawam High School cafeteria.

This training will offer an overview of the new document and an opportunity to discuss its components. We hope that you can attend this training session and look forward to working cooperatively on behalf of your children.

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Sports



THESE GUYS DON'T MIND GETTING "TEED OFF": Bill Menard (left) and Andy Green are one and two, respectively, for the Agawam High School golf team. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

Golf Versus Longmeadow...

AHS Chalks Up Its Third Victory Of The Early Fall 2000 Campaign

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Things didn't look too good for Agawam High golf.

They opened up the season with three straight losses. However, it looks as though they've righted the ship, thanks to three straight wins. The latest came Monday afternoon (September 18th) - an 11-7 decision over Longmeadow High at the Agawam Municipal Golf Club.

The Brownies were led by junior Bill Menard, playing out of the number one spot. He fired a one-under-par 34 to grab 2-1/2 points. "It looks like we're turning things around," he told us afterwards.

Senior, Andy Green, at number two, fired a three over 38. That score was good enough to give him a 2-1 win in his match.

Jeremy Malanson, a sophomore, had his moments, including a birdie on six; a nice chip in from five feet off the ninth green; and 10 feet into the hole for another birdie and a 38, giving the Brownies another 2-1/2 points.

Another sophomore, Ryan Zaczynski, shot a 41 at number four, picking up half a point. "He can do better than that," first-year Coach Bill L'Heureux noted.

The fifth spot was held down by freshman rookie Andy Oleksak. Oleksak fired a 41 and parred the first five holes. He lost his match but picked up a point

because of that five-par performance.

At number six, sophomore Pat Landers came in at 42. He won the last four holes after having it tough over the first five, and managed to pick up half a point.

"Yeah, we're starting to get comfortable out there," L'Heureux said of his 3-3 team. Longmeadow fell to 2-4.

Boys' Soccer Versus Holyoke...

AHS Defeats Purple Knights In Close Contest

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

New Agawam High boys' soccer Coach Jonathan Cavallo, a product of the great Ludlow soccer tradition, said when he took the job that he'd endeavor to have the Brownies play Lions' style soccer (which meant storming the opposition's net at every opportunity). You see, storming the net usually translates into goals.

However, through their first three games - a 1-0 win over Central, a 0-0 tie versus Chicopee, and a 2-1 loss to Amherst - there was little successful storming to be seen. That all changed on Monday night (September 18th) at Holyoke High, as the Brownies (maybe starting to get the coach's drift) beat the Purple Knights, 4-3.

Agawam started out in an aggressive mode in this one, keeping the ball in the Knight zone for the first five minutes. A lot of the Agawam effort was provided by fullback Dave Bienia, Greg Cizek, and midfielder Eric Serna. At the 35:30 mark, senior striker Aaron Gilbert had the Brownies' first good chance after some hustle by Jim Evans got him the ball. The shot just missed wide right by a foot.

After a short Holyoke rush, Serna dribbled the ball back into the Knight zone, dished it deep into the box, and got it back. The junior fired from 30 feet out on the left side for the first Agawam score at 32:08.

The Brownies were marking well all over the field, led by Mike Carmody, Bienia, and Evan Machos.

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Their efforts led to the second Agawam goal. Cizek had the ball on the left point and launched. The hard shot glanced off the hands of Holyoke keeper Zack Duprey and right into the path of Serna, who was charging into the crease. Serna punched it home low left from 15 feet out. His second goal of the game made it 2-0, Brownies.

With 10:35 to go, fullback Mike Carmody ran down a Holyoke semi-break. A minute later, Agawam goalie John DeCaro made a leaping save on a high hard one on a corner kick from the right side. Holyoke, bolstered by its efforts, attacked big-time with 8:40 to go. They swarmed the Brownie net but were frustrated by two diving saves by DeCaro. DeCaro came 20 feet out of his net with 5:25 to go for another big save.

Agawam Leads By 2-1 At The Half...

Finally, the Knights hit paydirt on a score from the right point, 30 feet out with 5:15 left on the clock. Make it 2-1, visitors, which is how the half would end. Agawam had nine shots through the first 40 minutes. Holyoke came in with six.

Agawam had three corner kicks from the right side to start the second half. One resulted in a good chance with 3:45 gone, but Ligenza (in the crease) just missed wide right out front.

At the 32:10 mark, Agawam had another corner

kick, again from the right side. It was no good and deflected to the top of the box. Bienia took the ball and dribbled in from right to left. It was a nice individual effort as he shot across his body and into the low right corner of the Knights' net, giving Agawam what seemed to be a comfortable, 3-1 lead with 32:04 to go.

Maybe Agawam became slightly complacent at that point. They were relaxed, marking and tackling well behind veterans Josh Dickman, Jim Evans, and Serna. Holyoke took that opportunity to jack its game up a notch; out of a melee in front of the Brownies' net with 25:02 to play, the Knights scored their second goal, narrowing the margin to 3-2, Agawam.

Two minutes later, they were on the board again off a 40-foot bomb from the left point to tie things at 3-3.

Agawam, looking now to dodge a bullet, went to work. They stormed the Holyoke goal and Ligenza had a shot with 17 minutes to go (which just missed an open right corner by a foot). The ball came out and into the left crease, where junior Mike Crough took it on his toe. The defender turned offender by slicing his shot into the right corner for a 4-3 Brownie lead.

That's how it would end up. The hard-fought road win saw Agawam's record rise to 2-1-1, 1-1-1. Holyoke fell to 1-4, 0-3-0. The Brownies had four second-half shots on goal for a total of 13. Holyoke had seven for a total of 13, as well.

*Varsity Field Hockey...***Brownies Bow To Mahar Regional**

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High field hockey team had to make the long journey up to Orange, Massachusetts on Monday afternoon (September 18th) for a meeting with Mahar Regional. The long ride may or may not have had something to do with the Brownies' 3-1 loss.

But it couldn't have helped all that much. The Brownies only trailed 1-0 at the half. But the Senators put on a second-half surge with a late score to break open a 2-1 game. Junior Kate Dubay had a second-half goal for Agawam.

Coach Carla Lemnah Warner - who saw her kids win their first two before losing three straight - commented on the last two games before this one: a 6-0 dousing by Southwick (last year's sectional champion and state runner-up), and a tough 2-0 loss to South Hadley.

"We just unraveled against Southwick. I don't know why, but they are not six goals better than us."

She had this to say of South Hadley: "We had a horrendous first half. Every shot we hit at their net seemed to be a lift. We had to get a stick on the ball the right way. Honestly, we could have won that game. 10-2."

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Varsity Girls' Soccer Versus Holyoke...

Brownies Lanced By Visiting Purple Knights In 4-0 Loss

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Last Monday afternoon, the Agawam High girls' soccer team thought it might enjoy its first win of the season after leading visiting Pittsfield, 2-0 at the half. The Generals, however, came back for a 3-2 win. The Brownies' frustrations continued to build Tuesday evening (September 19th) at Harmon Smith Field when Holyoke came calling and departed with a 4-0 victory, leaving the Brownies belly up with a 0-5 record on the young season.

The Knights, 4-1, dominated most aspects of this Kurty-Fielding contest on a drizzly and dreary evening that had to mirror the mood of the faithful semi-soaking in the stands (although the Brownies, as with the Pittsfield game, deserved better). The Purple Knights, with the shooter unmarked, got on the board five minutes in on a shot from the low box, which beat Agawam keeper Laura Bucalo to the left side.

Agawam tried. With 9:20 gone, Desiree Marsili dribbled the ball straight down the middle of the Knight zone. But the Holyoke defense doubled up on her, stopping the threat. Jill Gendron got off a hard high shot on net from 50 feet out a minute later. However, the distance cut down on the chance of the ball beating the Knights' keeper, Alyssa Brassil.

As it would all game long, Agawam had trouble maintaining any kind of offense mainly because they weren't sending in enough shooters when they did

penetrate the Holyoke zone. A great Brownie chance came with 19:28 to go. Courtney Adamczyk, moving across the crease 30 feet out from left to right, shot and hit the left post. The rebound came out to Amy Jensen, who launched dead on, only to be robbed.

With 11:55 to go, Jen Leupo, Adamczyk, and Jess Newalu attacked down the left wing. However, their teammates were standing around at midfield, and the Holyoke "D" (under little pressure) swept the ball out of harm's way.

The visitors had no such offensive problems. They scored their second goal with 1:57 to play in the half on a 30-foot effort from the left point, which beat the diving Bucalo into the right corner. The half ended 2-0, Purple Knights. Agawam had three shots on goal. Holyoke shot four times.

An Early Threat From AHS...

The Brownies started out with an early threat in the second 40 minutes. Amanda Blair, Danielle Cirillo, and Kaitlin Sardella took the ball in on the left side with 1:15 off the clock. Sardella (a prodigious scorer as a freshman on last year's junior varsity team) took the shot, which was on from 20 feet out, but Brassil was right there for the save.

Holyoke came back and Bucalo made a nice save at the 37:07 mark. They shot again 40 seconds later. It was a high 20-yard drive, which had enough mus-

tard on it to deflect off Bucalo's hands and into the upper right-hand corner of the Agawam goal for a 3-0 Knight lead.

The Brownies continued to struggle when they had the ball. They had a chance at 32:25 when Sardella drove in low right and shot at an angle from 30 feet. Again, Brassil was on the ball.

Holyoke's next score came off a left-right cross and out of a crowd in the right crease with 9:47 gone. That 4-0 score began to look insurmountable. Two-and-a-half minutes later, Brownie Coach Laura Wray-Ramos replaced Bucalo with sophomore keeper Vicky Taylor.

Agawam seemed to pick up its passing game a bit with 24:20 left. Sardella, Jenna Shea, Jensen, and Erin Gloster brought it into the center of the Knights' box. But the Holyoke defense, on top of things again, wouldn't allow them to finish off the play.

With 16 minutes to go, Holyoke seemed content to keep the ball at midfield with an occasional rush into Agawam's zone.

Becky Crum, on individual effort, finally got off a shot with 10:55 left. It was the first in over 12 minutes of play in the second half. Holyoke answered with a high, right-on drive from 50 feet out three minutes later. The tall Taylor (at 5'11-1/2") leapt to stop it. A

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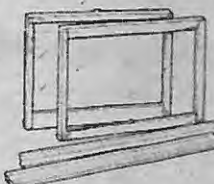
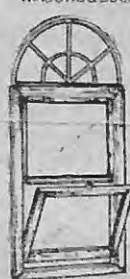
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Varsity Football...

A Review Of The Agawam High/Central High Game Of Sept. 15th

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

It was a different location (Harmon Smith Field) this time around, as opposed to Central High's stadium.

But the result was the same - another Golden Eagle win over the Brownies.

While not as bad as last year (a 54-8 deal), 36-6 was still tough to swallow for Agawam High, which fell to 0-2 as Central went to 1-1 in the AA Conference opener for both teams.

This was nothing but grind-it-out football on the Eagles' part, which would have done the late Woody Hayes proud. The main man was senior All-Western Mass. running back Don Jones (20 - 223), who would score three times via the overland route. His first was a 65-yard beauty in the first quarter. He would also score twice in the second 12 minutes on runs of one and 30 yards. He also got the two-point conversions on each of the touchdowns. His efforts, plus some heads-up playcalling by Eagle quarterback Mike McCarthy, put Agawam in a 24-0 hole at the half.

The Brownies' defensive problems had a lot to do

with Central's relentless dedication to the running game, according to Agawam Coach Tad Desautels. "When you have it on the ground like that, you don't really have to pass."

While the Brownies had much better success handling Central's relentless ground attack off tackle and up the middle, the Golden Eagles danced and powered around the ends and down the sidelines seemingly at will.

Agawam never really threatened in this one. Their only score came with Central up, 32-0 (after a McCarthy 13-yard run and the Jones two-point conversion ended the Eagles' scoring in the third quarter), with just under two minutes left on a sophomore Joe Clark to sophomore Matt Shea 10-yard pass. That score was set up by some good running, courtesy of Vitaly Dzhenezherukha (60 yards, 16 carries).

Next up for Agawam will be a road trip to Northampton this Friday evening (September 22nd) for a 7:00 p.m. game against the Blue Devils.

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smaller kid might have had some trouble. Taylor did have some trouble with 3:26 to go. She came 25 yards out of her net to meet a Holyoke breakaway.

The ball got by her and headed for the net. Only some good speed by the Agawam trailer, Marsili - who kicked the ball away two feet from crossing the line - stopped Holyoke from going up, 5-0. But the Knights really didn't need another goal.

Agawam had three second-half shots for a game total of six. Holyoke took five for a total of nine.

Against Pittsfield...

Against Pittsfield on Monday, Jenna Shea's blast hit the crossbar and was kicked in by a Generals' defender to give AHS a 1-0 lead.

Later in the half, Erin Gloster scored her first varsity goal on a weird lofting shot from the right corner that found the net.

But Pittsfield stormed back with three second-half goals, including the game-winner on a penalty shot with 1:48 to go. Bucalo made the initial save, but the rebound was punched in.

AHS was the victim of a horrible call giving Pittsfield the penalty shot, as the so-called trip in the box was actually the visiting striker tripping over the ball.

So it goes when a team is in a rut of bad luck, bad bounces, and uneven play.

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Profile...

Danielle Bachini Likes Improving Agawam High's Field Hockey Team

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Danielle Bachini is one of the mainstays of the Agawam High girls' field hockey team this season. Recently, the senior attacker took some time out to talk about herself and her days at AHS.

Bachini turned 17 on July 24th. She has spent all four years of her secondary education at Agawam High. Her first semester courses include honors physics, AP English, the yearbook (she's the photographer), journalism (she is a member of the school's newspaper staff, "The Mirror," where she is also the photographer), gym, and visual communications. Bachini is a member of the National Honor Society and the Renaissance Club. Her favorite course is English. She says all her teachers are tops with her.

She is looking hard at two places to further her education when the time comes - Quinnipiac College in Hamden, Connecticut, and Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York. She has already paid a visit to both schools. Her major would be mass communications.

Bachini is a two-sport athlete: field hockey in the fall and softball in the spring. She favors both for different reasons. "They are totally opposite, which makes both of them interesting and exciting," she told us.

A Season Of Improvement...

Her most memorable sports moment was being named as a tri-captain of the 2000 field hockey team. She sees this season as one of improvement. At this writing, they are 2-2.

The team had a summer of tough physical conditioning at the High School, and she thinks it will pay

off. They've already scored seven goals. Last season, they had a total of 11 in 16 games.

"We have a very tough schedule. A lot of teams have boys on their rosters. We don't. But we can still compete," Bachini noted.

Her favorite food is anything Italian.

Blue is her favorite hue.

As far as a car goes, she says anything that will get her around safely will do.

Bachini likes to kick back by going to her friend's houses. "Just simple stuff," she said.

Casual marks her taste in clothes - jeans and sweaters. She buys them at American Eagle and Old Navy.

Bachini likes all kinds of music. Her favorite group is called NSYNC, which she has seen twice in concert.

"Friends" is tops on the tube for her. "A League of Their Own" is Bachini's top movie.

Debbie is her mom. Her dad is Paul, who was the long-time golf coach at Agawam High and is an elementary gym teacher at Granger School. She has a brother, Michael, who is a sophomore and plays football.

Her parents are the people she looks up to the most.

Senior years tend to fly by. When it's all over, she says she'd like to be remembered simply as a friendly kid who got along with everyone, as well as a hard worker and a team player.



DANIELLE BACHINI

Field hockey Coach Carla Lemnah Warner had this to say about this week's featured athlete: "Danielle is a quiet, unassuming kid who came out of nowhere. She is very hard on herself in her effort to keep improving. She is very supportive of the other kids on the team."



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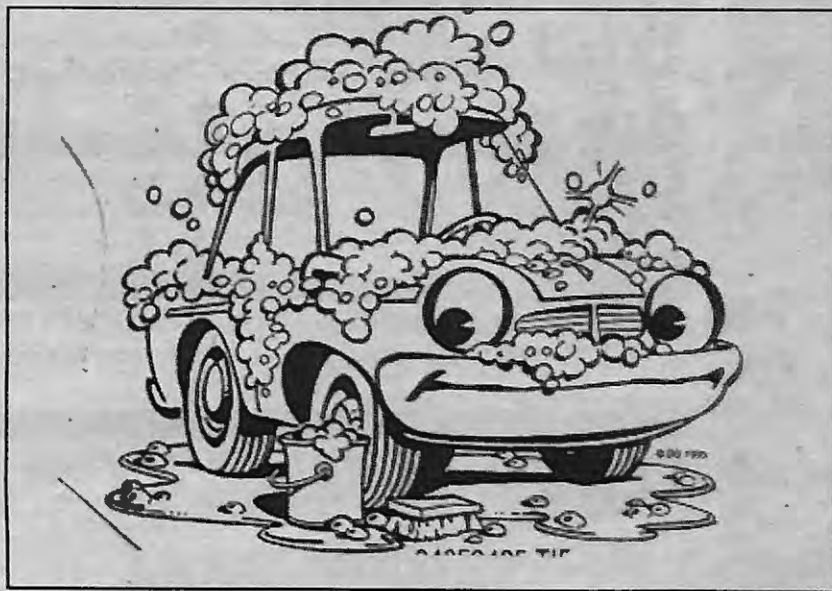
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Agawam Youth Football - Week Two

SENIOR BLUE

In week two of the SAFL season, the Agawam Senior Warriors traveled to Wilbraham to face the Falcons. Agawam won the coin toss and deferred.

The Warrior defense was again relentless in its pursuit of the Falcon running backs. Alex Gohn, Joe McGeoghan, Alex Ellsworth, and Anthony Bailey crashed through the line time and again, and Coach Tony Toto added fuel to the rush by unleashing LB's Andrew Wakelee and Ryan McLane to raise havoc all over the field. LB Mike Toto was again solid at middle linebacker. Ryan Pellerin made key tackles at the safety and linebacker positions.

On a play late in the second half, the Falcons busted to the outside. Pellerin crossed the field and ran down the ball-carrier with a strong, powerful tackle. The Warrior offense again stuck with Coaches Bussiere and Gibbons' game plan of a strong ground game as, on their first possession, they drove the ball down the field and capped the drive with WB Kurt Scheibel going into the end-zone from eight yards out.

On the next Warrior possession, TB John Gibbons, who had rushed for 35 yards, was injured with an ankle sprain (out for the remainder of the game) and Scheibel moved into the TB position. Running behind the excellent trap blocking of DeCosmo and Bussiere, the potent running of Mike Toto and Scheibel again brought the Warriors to paydirt, with Scheibel again scoring on a smooth, cut-back run. This put the Warriors up, 12-0, and that's the way the half ended.

The Warriors received the ball to start the second half and continued to march. This drive stalled on the 20, but special teams Coach Joe McDyer sent in the field goal team. Kicker Sean Deglis' attempt just went wide left, but put plenty of excitement into the game. As the Falcons' offense took to the air, the sneaky Kurt Scheibel played great position, intercepted the ball, and returned it for a touchdown. The Falcons scored on their next possession, but the Warrior defense stuffed the extra point attempt.

The Warriors' second offense took over after a great on-side kick recovery by Dave Modzanowski. FB Mike Theriault got the bulk of the running in the second half 30 yards. The Falcons put up another six points (bringing the score to 18-12), but the Warriors showed that they, too, have an air game. With QB Wakelee hooking up with Keith Barrington for a 40-yard touchdown pass, Toto took it in for the extra points.

The Warriors played tough defense again, as Wilbraham had to go to the air. Relentless in the pass rush, Erik deLeifde pressured the QB. Nick Lovotti and Justin Pitoniak made essential coverage tackles. Strong on special teams were Chris Keeley and Joe McDyer.

The Warriors are home at Memorial Field (located off School Street) on Sunday, September 24th, at 3:00 p.m., facing Longmeadow.

SENIOR GREEN

The Agawam Senior green team went down in defeat this week against Belchertown with a score of 20-0.

Even though the Warriors were unable to score, they played a fantastic game.

This week, the Senior green team has an away game against Quabbin, where they hope to start a winning streak. (Record 1-1.)

JUNIOR GREEN

The Junior Warrior green division lost a heart-

breaker to Belchertown, 8-6.

The Warriors scored on a TD run from Colin Hensel to break an 8-0 lead. Unfortunately, they were unsuccessful on a two-point conversion. The gallant Warriors came back to score with two minutes left in the game (even though they played the second half without their starting fullback).

The entire Warrior offensive line played and blocked great. Led by Patrick McKeever and Philip Scoville, they were able to block a much bigger Belchertown team to let Colin Hensel carry for six times for 62 yards and one 10-yard pass completion. Jake Ferretti carried three times for 32 yards. Outstanding offensive play was turned in by James Devoe, Anthony Stork, Scott Luginbuhl, and Nick Sliech.

Hard-hitting defensive play was turned in by Mark Hardy with one five-yard backfield tackle and one solo tackle. Colin Hensel turned in four solo tackles; Jake Ferretti, two solo tackles; Evan Spear, three solo tackles; Phillip Scoville and Nick Sliech, two solo tackles each; and solo tackles were turned in by James Devoe, Joshua Blood, Justin Ayotte, Brendan McNeish, and Scott Reardon.

Paul Vermette recovered a fumble, which was caused by aggressive defense from the Warrior "B" team.

JUNIOR BLUE

The Agawam Warriors' blue team lost a tough game on the road Sunday against Wilbraham. The offensive line - Adam Plante, Josh Barrows, Nick Roberts, John LaCroix, and Mark Jeserski - did an excellent job blocking, plus dominated the line of scrimmage the entire game. The team had a great running game by Dom Moccia, Charles Barbarisi, and Geoff Trexler.

With Joel Bailey at quarterback, the offense ran the ball well (connecting on some nice passes), but some mistakes were made and penalties plagued the Warriors' defense. They were unable to score. The defense, led by John Dominick, kept the game scoreless the first half of the game.

In the second half, Wilbraham was able to score twice.

The Agawam team played their hearts out, according to Coach Tony Pezzimenti.

The Agawam Blues' next game will be on Sunday, September 24th, at home against Longmeadow.

GREEN PEE WEES

The Agawam Pee Wee green team lost a tight game by the score of 20-6 this past Sunday at home.

The offense, led by quarterback Jason Houle and TB/QB Paul Vecchiarelli, moved the ball well behind the awesome blocking of fullback James Olson, tackles Michael Saccomani and

Pat McLane, and ends Joey Gabinelli and Steve Johnson.

Paul Vecchiarelli scored an amazing five-yard touchdown run up the middle for the Pee Wee Warriors midway through the second quarter to knot the score at 6-6 at the half. The touchdown was set up by a 15-yard pass from Vecchiarelli to Houle.

With the exception of two long TD runs around the ends in the second half by Belchertown, the Agawam defense was much improved over a week earlier. The Agawam defense was very stingy up the middle, with tackle Michael Shackford and guard James Wood closing the holes on Belchertown. Backing up the line were linebackers Tyler Devoe, Matt Reardon, and strong safety Dylan Coulter (who led the defense with four tackles).

On Sunday, September 24th, Agawam Green plays away at Quabbin. (Record: 0-2.)

BLUE PEE WEES

On Sunday, September 17th, the Agawam Pee Wee blue team visited the Wilbraham Falcons.

The little Warriors gave up two first-half touchdowns and one two-point conversion, falling behind 14-0.

One touchdown was a long run around end, and the other came after an alert Wilbraham defender intercepted a pass deep in Agawam territory.

Offensively, the little Warriors executed some great plays, but were unable to put enough together to get deep into Wilbraham territory to score.

Playing well for Agawam on offense were QB Joey Toto and lineman Jarrett Fondkowski.

On defense, the little Warriors played tough for most of the game, giving up only two big plays. Lineman Nick Santinello and safety Jacob Barrows played exceptional defense for Agawam.

The Warriors are still missing the services of injured players Rob McGeoghan and Bob Johnson.

The next game is at home versus Springfield South this Sunday, September 24th. Start time is 12:15 p.m.



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Final Sign-Ups Scheduled For Suburban/C.Y.O. Basketball

Final sign-ups for Suburban/C.Y.O. Basketball will be held on Friday, September 22nd, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Agawam Junior High School.

Registration is for fifth- and sixth-grade boys; fifth- and sixth-grade girls; seventh- and eighth-grade boys; and seventh- and eighth-grade girls.

No fees will be collected at sign-ups. Tryouts dates/times will be announced.

For further information, contact Fred Perry, 786-7914, or Dave Boisvert, 786-0783.



TOM DELUCA

Local Athlete To Compete In Ironman World Triathlon

Tom Deluca of Agawam has qualified for the Ironman Triathlon World Championship on October 14th in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, located on the Big Island.

More than 50,000 triathletes from more than 50 countries annually attempt to qualify for the world's most famous endurance event.

The Ironman consists of a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike, and a 26.2-mile run, which must be completed within the allotted 17-hour timeframe.

Training for the race typically requires 18 to 24 hours per week for six to eight months to develop the stamina and endurance needed to complete the 140.6-mile event.

In one of the most hotly contested races ever, Canadian Lori Bowden and Belgian Luc Van Lierde captured the 1999 championship crowns, finishing in 9:13:02 and 8:17:17, respectively.

For Bowden, 32, this was her first championship title. She had finished second in Hawaii two years in a row before landing the top spot. Bowden's blistering 2:59 marathon broke the course record set by Heather Fuhr in 1998 by five minutes.

This was 30 year-old Van Lierde's second championship title. Van Lierde won the race as a rookie in 1996 and set the current course record of 8:04:08.

Defending champion Peter Reid, 30, of Canada, finished second with a time of 8:22:54. American Tim DeBoom, 28, from Boulder, Colorado, led the race for three hours before eventually finishing third in 8:25:42. DeBoom's finish was the highest placing for an American male in Hawaii since 1996.

Boston's Karen Symers, 38, Ironman's 1995 champion, led a charge for the crown only to finish second in 9:20:30, with Fernanda Keller, 36, of Brazil finishing third in 9:24:30. This marked Keller's third consecutive third-place finish at the championship.

Of the 1,470 race starters, 1,419 finished in 1999. Competitors ranged in age from 20 to 76. Lyn Brooks, 51, from Baltimore, Maryland, became the first person to ever finish 20 consecutive Ironman Triathlon World Championship races, with a time of 14:44:20.

Ironman Hall of Famer Scott Tinley, 42, from Del Mar, California, competed in his 20th and final Ironman race, finishing in 10:37:00. A two-time Ironman champion, Tinley announced his retirement following the race. The last official finisher, Bobbi Pollock, 67, from Claremont, California, came across in 16:56:18.

The Ironman Triathlon began in 1978 with only 15 competitors. Its explosive growth required race organizers to implement qualifying procedures in 1983. The race field is now limited to 1,500 contestants due to the championship nature of the event.

Agawam Soccer Association Standings

U-10 GIRLS					Paulin Blue Demons				
Tuohey Yellow Jackets	W	L	T	P	Gould Black Shadow	3	1	0	9
Scherpa Blue Flames	1	1	1	4	Lafoe Blue Thunder	3	1	0	9
Pelletier Red Rockets	0	3	0	0	Giusto Golden Eagles	2	1	1	7
Gendon Blue Lightning	2	0	0	6	Hastings Orange Vipers	2	2	0	6
Marsh Green Ball Hogs	0	0	1	1	McElligot Blue Jays	2	1	0	6
Parent Orange Hurricanes	1	1	1	4	Ellsworth Red Devils	1	1	1	4
	2	0	1	7	Farrington Green Machine	1	3	0	3
						0	4	0	0
U-12 GIRLS					U-12 BOYS				
Wood Red Demons	W	L	T	P	Brin Green Demons	W	L	T	P
Beroth Blue Angels	4	0	0	12	Henigan Yellow Jackets	3	1	0	9
Prout Yellow Jackets	2	1	0	6	Laporte Blue Devils	3	0	0	9
Pietroniro Warriors	2	1	0	6	Nawskon Red Devils	2	1	0	6
Brewster The Thunder	0	3	0	0	Lombardini Orange Crush	0	3	0	0
	0	3	0	0		0	3	0	0
U-17 (CO-ED)					U-14 (CO-ED)				
Comee's Kamakazee	W	L	T	P	Adams Green Hornet	W	L	T	P
Adams Blue Thunder	2	0	0	6	Zmaczynski Golden Eagles	3	0	0	9
Howe Green Hornets	0	2	0	0	Lane Red Devils	3	1	0	9
Francis Red	2	0	0	6	White Blue Maniacs	0	1	2	2
	0	2	0	0	Nawskon Orange Enforcers	0	2	1	1
	0	2	0	0		0	2	1	1
U-10 BOYS									
	W	L	T	P					

At Long Last...

The Return Of The Tri-Parish Bowling League

On Monday, September 11th, the Tri-Parish Bowling League began another season at the Agawam Bowl. Many bowlers were not up to their usual form, so scores were on the low side.

Fordham, the defending champion, was definitely rusty and lost four points to St. Mary. For St. M, Terry "Tiger" Cerpovicz ran off a high single of 124 and a total of 317 (not bad for opening night). Anchor Rich "Golden" Snyder had a 317 also (with strings of 110, 114, and 93) to easily clobber Fordham anchor "Jolly" Olly Muldrew, who could only muster up a 292 total. High for the night for Fordham was Flo "Rocky" Rochford's average because she was off visiting Alaska.

The other big winner was Georgetown, who shut out Notre Dame four to zip. "Mighty" Debbie Poirier led the onslaught with strings of 106, 124, and 113 for a neat 343. She had help from Vi "Speedy" Massoia, who chipped in with strings of 101, 94, and 114 for a 309 night. Jim "Big Mac" McCormick hit 102 and 105 for his first and third efforts, but slipped to an 87 in the second string and only ended up with 294 total. For ND, anchor Paula "Wild Thing" Burke led the team with a tame 292.

St. Louis took the measure of Catholic University, 3-1. For CU, it was all Kathy "Big Cat" Burlingham, who ran off a 339 with strings of 114, 115, and 110 as anchor and humbled her opponent, Glen "Not Sam"

Adams (who wished he was Sam), because he only could bowl a 267. That's a 72-pin difference - almost a whole other string! But he was rescued by his teammates, who bowled well enough to win two strings and took total pinfall (worth another point) by two pins.

Boston College won over Holy Cross, 3-1, to get off to a good start. Both team anchors were in mid-season form, with Betsy "Loaded" Cannon besting Ron "The Don" Menard, 357-348. "Loaded" really unloaded a third string of 142 to take the honor. Jon "Money" Robarge contributed to the team total with a 301, and Mark "Up" Edwards also helped with a 112 single and a 294 total.

Holy Cross did manage to take the second string by seven pins for its only point on the night. BC's team total for the third string was high for the league for the night (a nice 531). It won't be high for long; the other rollers haven't got it all together yet, but when they do...

So, after one week, the standings are:

Georgetown	4-0 (1,459)
St. Mary	4-0 (1,376)
Boston College	3-1 (1,456)
St. Louis	3-1 (1,345)
Holy Cross	1-3 (1,412)
Catholic University	1-3 (1,343)
Notre Dame	0-4 (1,383)
Fordham	0-4 (1,349)

Fourth Annual Agawam High Cheerleader Golf Tournament Slated For October 7th

The Agawam High cheerleaders will be holding their Fourth Annual Cheerleader Golf Tournament on Saturday, October 7th at the Oak Ridge Golf Club on 850 South Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

The cost of this golf tournament is \$60 per person which will include scramble format, 18 holes of golf, cart, prizes, and a cookout immediately after the golf match.

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- News From The Agawam Soccer Association -

The fall soccer season is here, and the Agawam Soccer Association is beginning to plan for the upcoming spring season. Our Labor Day Six Flags Soccer Classic Tournament was a success again this year, and we look forward to another exciting tournament next year.

The Agawam Soccer Association would like to invite all soccer parents, coaches, and enthusiasts to the **ANNUAL SOCCER APPRECIATION NIGHT** held at the Springfield Turnverein in Feeding Hills. This event will be held on Saturday, November 4th, starting at 6:30 p.m. The night will feature great music, dancing, door prizes, and a great-tasting Turnverein buffet. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from any board member, coach, or by calling Darlene Kedzior at 789-0456.

Come to watch your favorite In-Town team at our **IN-TOWN SOCCER JAMBOREE** being held on September 30th and October 1st at the Junior High School. This event gives our In-Town kids the ability to play in an exciting tournament atmosphere. Each team will be playing multiple games over this weekend. There will be food and drink at this event, with all proceeds going back into our In-Town Soccer program. Come catch some exciting games on this weekend.

REGISTRATION for our spring soccer season will also be held at the Jamboree. Registration times are as follows: Saturday, September 30th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Sunday, October 1st, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The registration fee is \$35 for one child, \$70 for two children, and \$85 for three or more children.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS will be held for the Agawam Soccer Association Executive Board on Monday, October 16th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Italian Sporting Club. This will be a **MANDATORY** meeting for all coaches. Both In-Town and Pioneer Valley coaches must be present at the meeting or send someone who will represent them. Each team is allowed one vote for each position on the Board. All positions are on the election ballot.

Becoming a board member is an exciting experience and can add greatly to your knowledge about how Agawam has become one of the leaders in youth soccer. It will give you the chance to make the future of the game even more exciting and rewarding for the youth of Agawam. If you are a parent, coach, or simply someone interested in making soccer a better experience for Agawam's children, consider running for one of the following positions:

* **PRESIDENT** - Duties include calling/running monthly meetings, appointing special committees, and will also act as overall chairperson for all committees.

* **VICE-PRESIDENT** - Responsible for coaching education and clinics, the scholarship committee, and the yearly Soccer Appreciation Night Party.

* **VP IN-TOWN** - Responsible for the administration of In-Town soccer activities and serves as advisor to the Directors of Boys' and Girls' In-Town soccer programs.

* **VP PIONEER VALLEY (Travel Teams)** - Shall be responsible for the administration of Pioneer Valley affairs and shall oversee and serve as advisor to the Directors of Boys' and Girls' Pioneer Valley programs.

* **REGISTRAR** - Coordinates fall and spring sign-ups, handles registration forms, and manages a database of all soccer players and coaches in Agawam.

* **DIRECTOR IN-TOWN GIRLS** - Shall be responsible for the coordination and operation of the League and assist the Vice-President of In-Town Affairs in the selection process for team rosters.

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* **DIRECTOR IN-TOWN BOYS** - Shall be responsible for the coordination and operation of the League and assist the Vice-President of In-Town Affairs in the selection process for team rosters.

* **DIRECTOR INTRODUCTORY** - The Director of the Introductory League shall be responsible for the coordination and operation of the Introductory League.

* **DIRECTOR PV GIRLS** - Shall be responsible for the coordination and operation of the League and assist the VP of Pioneer Valley with all Pioneer Valley League affairs.

* **DIRECTOR PV BOYS** - Shall be responsible for the coordination and operation of the League and assist the VP of Pioneer Valley with all Pioneer Valley



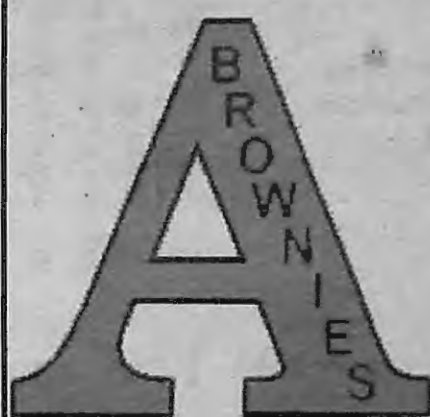
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* **TREASURER** - Shall prepare invoices, deposit all funds, pay bills, and maintain adequate records of all Association financial transactions.

* **SECRETARY** - Shall maintain the Association records, give adequate notification of all meetings, record the minutes of these meetings, and handle all Association correspondence.

* **DIRECTOR OF REFEREES** - Shall be responsible for the scheduling and payment of referees.

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Boys' Varsity Soccer Team And Alumni Enjoy Their Practice Game

The boys' varsity soccer team and the alumni had a good practice together on Saturday, September 9th. Both teams had their moments, and both teams were cocky when they were scoring.

The alumni dominated the first half, surprising the varsity with the first goal on a play by two former coaches. Agawam's first coach, Walt Willard, took a pass from his son, Kevin, at the top of the box. He chipped it to 90's coach Dwight Northrup at the penalty kick mark, who knocked it by varsity keeper John DeCaro (who had come out to meet him).

By halftime, the alumni had scored a couple more times, but without any subs they looked like golfers ready for the 19th hole. In the second half, the varsity scored a bunch of goals (so many that most fans lost track).

Varsity coach Jonathan Cavallo tried to use the practice to instruct his players, but the alumni taught them the best lesson: "Stay in shape."

Other alumni who played were Brian Chechile, Jay Flood, Mike Knodler, Rich Rodrigues, and Jeff Rousseau. Mike Knodler, Sr., who played high school soccer at Springfield Tech, helped out the defense, as did AHS grad Eric Plyler, who recently played three years in Germany.

Soccer alumni who would like to play next year should call 786-7924 so they can be contacted next year.

A special "thank you" goes to veteran soccer official Charlie Monnier, who donated his time to referee the game.

Golf Tip Of The Week...

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Women's Basketball Officials Wanted For 2000-2001 Season

The Hampden County Board of Women's Basketball Officials is looking for new officials for the coming 2000-2001 basketball season.

If you are interested, contact Bob at 568-0140 or John at 786-9459.

Agawam's Little League 9-10 All Star Team Wins New England Jimmy Fund Championship

Tyler Toyfair ditched a no-hitter, striking out 11, as the Agawam Little League 9-10 All Star Team won the New England Jimmy Fund Championship, beating East Longmeadow 5-1.

A double by Josh Barcomb scored Nick Grassetti from second base to tie the score, 1-1, in the first inning.

Agawam never looked back, getting two more in the third. A lead-off bunt by Jeff Simpson, followed by a walk and a passed ball, led to a base hit by Nick Grassetti, making it a 3-1 score.

Agawam added two more in the fourth inning when a lead-off base hit by Toyfair, a walk by Joe Colitti, and a bunt by Mike Tangredi loaded the bases. Aggressive base-running by Joe Coletti (scoring from second base on a ground ball from Patrick McKeever) made it a 4-1 lead.

Mike Tangredi scored the fifth run, leaving the final touches to Toyfair on the mound, capping off the Championship. The defense was great in support, with two catches in right field by D.J. Sapelli.

Agawam got to the championship by beating Westfield North, 6-2, in the semi-finals.

Drew Barker pitched four solid innings in the victory. Brett Barker added two hits also, scoring two runs (along with Jeff Simpson). Nick Grassetti also had two hits.

Clutch hitting by Alex Schwein, Ethan Rheault, and Brian Costello, along with a good outfield catch by Jake Kopyscinski, secured the top seed for Agawam going into the playoffs.

Agawam finished their summer schedule undefeated at 17-0.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE Agawam Little League 9-10 All Star Team! Back row: Mike Tangredi, Brett Barker, Tyler Toyfair, Patrick McKeever, Josh Barcomb, Brian Costello, and Ethan Rheault. Front row: Drew Randall, Joe Colitti, Alex Schwein, Jake Kopyscinski, Jeff Simpson, D.J. Sapelli, and Nick Grassetti.

The coaches praised their pitching and their defense: "We are very deep at pitching with great control. Tyler Toyfair, Josh Baromb, Joe Colitti, Drew Fandall, Nick Grassetti, Mike Tangredi, and Ethan Rheault were the core of our pitching staff. They were fantastic.

"Our defense was outstanding, led by Joe Coletti

behind the plate. He was great. Our infield turned four or five double plays led by Drew Randall, Nick Grassetti, Josh Barcomb, Tyler Toyfair, and Patrick McKeever. We are a very versatile team with many players able to play several positions. If we can keep developing these kids, it will be exciting for the future of Agawam."

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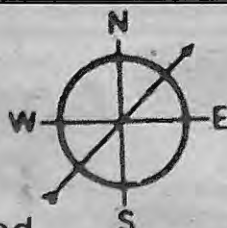
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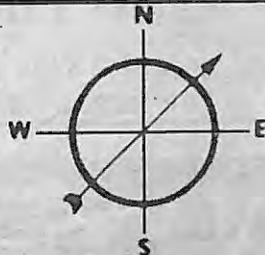
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